



TO: UB SENIORS
FROM: Kate Oganowski, Interim UB DIRECTOR
DATE: JANUARY 3, 2012
RE: COLLEGE PLANNING and FINANCIAL AID

This memo covers four **very important** items. Please **read this carefully** and **respond by the deadlines!**

1. COLLEGE APPLICATION AND LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE

APPLICATIONS – Most of you have this done! **If you haven't finished your college applications yet, DO IT NOW!** Many schools have closed or will soon close admissions for fall 2012. Contact us NOW at 785-8539 for assistance.

LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE - **We must get a copy of every college acceptance or rejection letter you receive.** Bring these to tutoring or mail them to us in the envelope enclosed so we can make copies for your file. **Stipends earned during spring 2012 will not be paid unless we have all of your college acceptance/rejection letters.**

2. FINANCIAL AID and SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - Most of you are eligible for THOUSANDS of dollars in FREE financial aid for college. You must complete and submit a FAFSA after January 1, 2012. This will determine your eligibility for federal and state grants, loans and work-study funds. **The FAFSA must be submitted by March 15, 2012.**

Upward Bound staff will be available on **Friday, February 17 from 2 to 7 p.m. to provide assistance in completing your FAFSA** during our annual **Financial Aid Workshop**. Please **call now, 785-8539, to schedule an appointment for students and parents**. Make sure a parent/guardian can come with you. If these dates don't work for you OR YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN, please call now to arrange an appointment that fits your schedule. It is important to note that many colleges will have limited financial aid available, so it's important to adhere to all Upward Bound deadlines.

You and your parent(s) must complete 2011 tax returns as soon as you get your W-2 forms and you must bring the COMPLETED 2011 tax returns with you to your appointment. We MUST have the completed tax returns to copy for your file and for you to submit to college(s) when requested. If you or your parent(s) will not file tax returns, please bring verification of income. **You requested a FAFSA PIN in Senior Seminar and your parent(s)/guardian will also need a PIN. Please check with other siblings to see if this has already been done.** Please call if you have questions.

Eligible students who will attend college in Wisconsin will also receive the **Wisconsin Talent Incentive Program (TIP) grant** application at the FAFSA workshop, **worth up to \$1,800 per year for four years**. Please complete as much of the enclosed application as you can if you plan to attend college in the state of Wisconsin.

Please find and use the checklist. **Sit down with your parent(s)/guardian and complete the enclosed pre-application "FAFSA on the WEB Worksheet" before your appointment and bring it with you!** Make sure you bring all required forms and information with you to your appointment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note that the due dates for scholarships vary based on the school you wish to attend. **It is your responsibility to find out the due date for scholarship applications** at those schools. If you need assistance, please ask.



3. OPTIONS FOR SUMMER

UPWARD BOUND SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Bridge program lets you get a head start on basic courses required of all college students. Bridge students may take up to six college credits at UW-L or Western Technical College, live with UB in the residence hall, receive some meals and/or meal money from UB, and, possibly, be scheduled for limited work hours for UB during the summer program. UB will either pay your tuition OR arrange for you to receive enough financial aid to cover tuition. You may participate in the Bridge program even if you plan to attend a different college in the fall. We will work with you to make sure credits will transfer.

Preference is given to seniors who have participated in Upward Bound summer programs. The deadline is very important! Return your Bridge application no later than March 15, 2012 for priority consideration.

Upward Bound will help you choose the appropriate class(es).

UW-L's ACADEMIC SUCCESS INSTITUTE

If you have been accepted to attend UW-L in the fall, you may be eligible to participate in the six week *Academic Success Institute (ASI)*, June 22-August 3. For more information, please contact Kate.

4. UPWARD BOUND SENIOR BOOK STIPENDS

Every spring UB awards four senior book stipends in the amount of \$100 each to four seniors who have exhibited outstanding achievement in Academic Excellence, Academic Improvement, UB Participation and Community Involvement during their time in Upward Bound. We have the information we need for the first three, but to be considered for the Community Involvement book stipend, you must complete and return the enclosed application no later than Friday, March 15. Book stipends will be awarded in May and paid in October when we have verified your postsecondary enrollment.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 17 UPWARD BOUND FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:

check off each item as you complete it

- ___ 1. Call Upward Bound to make an appointment for the February 17 Financial Aid Workshop or for another date that works for you.
- My appointment is on _____ at _____
date time
- ___ 2. Request student and/or parent PIN online at **www.pin.ed.gov** (if necessary) **Check with other siblings!**
- My PIN is _____ and my parent's PIN is _____
- ___ 3. Complete student and parent income tax returns before February 17, 2012 or bring verification of income.
- ___ 4. Complete the enclosed pre-application **FAFSA on the Web Worksheet** – **put completed worksheet in enclosed folder.**

ITEMS TO BRING TO FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:

- ___ Completed pre-application **FAFSA on the WEB Worksheet.**
- ___ FEDERAL income tax returns and W-2 forms for parents and student
- ___ Student and parent PINs
- ___ OFFICIAL Federal and State of Wisconsin Social Security and/or SSI and/or TANF statements (if applicable)
- ___ Student's' Alien Registration Number and Permanent Residency Card (if applicable)
- ___ All Wisconsin college acceptance letters not already turned in to UB
- ___ My current high school transcript including first semester, senior year (for TIP Grant)
- ___ My personal statement (for TIP Grant) from summer senior seminar (if applicable)
- ___ TIP grant application with parent signature (**only if attending school in Wisconsin**) – (**Sections 1-3 only**) **online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/forms/doc/fweop-1000.doc>** or complete this at workshop - **needs parent signature!**

UPWARD BOUND GRADUATING SENIOR QUESTIONNAIRE

***** REMEMBER, RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2012! *****

Name _____

I WOULD WOULD NOT like to be considered for the UB 2012 Bridge program.

- I was accepted into and will attend the ASI program at UW-L
- I applied to UW-L
- I was accepted at UW-L
- I plan to attend UW-L in the fall
- I plan to attend _____ in the fall.
Name of college/university other than UW-L
- I want to live with summer UB on campus in the residence hall.
- I plan to live at home while taking classes.
- If available, I would like a part time job with UB during the summer program.

