

## ***About UConn's Upward Bound/ConnCAP Program...***

***What is the Upward Bound/ConnCAP Program?*** The Upward Bound/ConnCAP Program at the University of Connecticut has been serving high school students for 41 years. The program makes educational opportunities available to selected Connecticut high school students who meet the program guidelines and requirements for participation. Students are selected to participate in Upward Bound/ConnCAP at the end of the ninth grade and continue in the program until high school graduation. The program's main objectives are: 1) to ensure successful high school graduation for its participants; 2) to assist students in applying to and enrolling in a college of their choice.

***Who is eligible for participation in the program?*** Federal and state guidelines stipulate that in order to participate in the program students must meet **either or both** of the following criteria 1) be **first generation** college (neither parent nor guardian has a degree from a four-year college); or 2) the family must meet federal income guidelines and be considered **low-income**—parents/guardians' income documentation will be requested in order to complete this application. Also, students must have **academic need** as determined by report cards, test scores, and a student assessment. Eligible students are selected from the following target cities and high schools:

### **Hartford**

Bulkeley  
Hartford Public  
Weaver

### **New Haven**

Hillhouse  
Wilbur Cross

### **Windham**

Windham

***What are the program goals?*** Students participate in year-round (summer and academic year) activities designed to:

- a) Strengthen the academic and interpersonal skills that each participant needs to successfully complete high school;
- b) To assist program participants in becoming college graduates.

***How much does the program cost?*** If we put a "price tag" the program costs approximately \$5,900.00 per student, each year. However, the program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education, and the University of Connecticut. **The program is 100% free of charge to students and parents/guardians.**

***What is the summer component?*** Students attend summer sessions at the University of Connecticut following their ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades in school. The summer curriculum seeks to prepare students for the academic challenges they will encounter during the forthcoming academic year. Classes are intensive and academically rigorous, with a significant amount of homework each evening. These intensive six-week residential programs are designed to advance students' academic skill levels in literature, composition, foreign languages, science and mathematics, and social studies. The summer component includes additional classes in technology, CAPT and SAT testing preparation, and electives such as art. Students also participate in sports, field trips, college visits, and extracurricular activities that promote academic and personal growth.

***What is the academic year component?*** The Academic Year Component seeks to provide students with academic enrichment seminars, student development and counseling services, as well as cultural activities and field trips. The academic year includes the following activities:

- Weekly meetings and monitoring
- Academic enrichment workshops
- Assistance with career, college, and financial aid process
- Parental/Guardian component
- Tutoring services and academic advising
- Cultural and social activities
- In-state and out-of-state college trips
- Community service participation in projects

***What happens after students apply?*** We will carefully review each application, set up an interview at the student's high school, and we will let you know about your acceptance status by May or before.

***What are the requirements for participation?*** Once admitted, students and their parents/guardians must attend an orientation at UConn. After, we expect that students stay active in the program by attending weekly meetings and program activities, maintain a good academic standing, and abide by the program's rules and regulations as stated in the Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook.

***Other questions?*** Please feel free to call us at 1-(800) 839-6869 or you can visit us at [www.cap.uconn.edu](http://www.cap.uconn.edu)