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Upward Bound Program **Summer Residential Counselor Position**

Job Description:

Upward Bound summer counselors are responsible for leading all afternoon activities including study hall, athletics and cultural/creative workshops. Further counselors assist in special events and field trips. Additionally, counselors are present in the dorms and at meals. Counselors are assigned a small group of students who they meet with for activities and mentorship regularly. Counselors will perform night duty shifts on a rotating basis. Candidates must be highly motivated, patient, and energetic. This position is residential 5 nights per week for 7 weeks (one week of staff training and six weeks of youth programming).

Compensation:

\$4,200 plus room and board.

Tentative dates:

Orientation (mandatory): June 22-26, 2026

Program Dates (Sunday evenings – Friday afternoons): June 28 – August 7, 2026

*Please note that Sunday, June 28th is student move in day, which will be in the afternoon. All following Sundays start in the evening.

Location:

Dean College, 99 Main St, Franklin, MA 02038

*Roundtrip transportation provided from Boston to residential site. Pick-up and drop-off location is JFK/UMass T-Station.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Participate in staff orientation. Full participation is a condition of employment
- Develop and implement recreational/cultural workshops and activities for students
- Enforce UMass Boston Upward Bound rules and regulations
- Monitor study hall sessions and assist students with class work
- Provide one-on-one personal/academic counseling support to students as needed
- Attend staff, and community meetings
- Hold regular suite meetings
- Assist with student supervision at all times
- Remain highly visible to students and staff during your assigned shift
- Assist in the supervision of field trips, cultural events and recreational activities
- Monitor and engage with students during meals times
- Check in and account for students during evening and bedtime
- Complete necessary evaluation forms distributed by administration
- Assist in dorm/event set up and clean up throughout the program
- Communicate daily with administrative and other residential staff members
- Live and work on-site for the duration of the summer program and training
- Carry out any other duties as assigned by the program's administrative staff

Qualifications:

- Matriculating college students (juniors, seniors and graduate students preferred) or college graduates
- Experience working with students in a residential setting. Experience working with low-income and/or culturally diverse students, preferred
- Demonstrated skills in an athletic or creative area preferred
- Demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of high school students
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate student activities
- Must be highly energetic
- Ability to maintain positive, safe and professional environment at all times

Program Objectives:

The goal of the Upward Bound Program is to provide participants with the skills and motivation necessary for access to and success in post-secondary education. Upward Bound strives to help students develop confidence and a love of learning. Upward Bound offers an array of academic, personal enrichment, and college/career services designed to supplement high school education and tailored to address specific student needs, including a residential summer program. The summer program exposes students to life on a college campus, allows for intensive, rigorous academic work, and creates space for students to learn valuable social and decision-making skills. Upward Bound students learn the skills necessary to be agents of change in their own lives, their communities, and the world at large.

How to Apply:

Please email the following items to upward.bound@umb.edu. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, until all positions are filled:

1. Resume
2. Contact information for 3 references who can speak to your experience and abilities.
3. [Completed application](#)

Additional Information:

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