

New Awards



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Upward Bound Empowerment (UBE) is a comprehensive, year-round college preparatory program with an emphasis on identifying and serving foster care students. The program began in October 2017 with the mission to assist low-income, first-generation college-bound high school students in their efforts to successfully complete their secondary education, while preparing them to become college graduates. UBE's program offerings include a supportive academic year program as well as a summer college experience.

Program services and activities are designed for the following areas: academic enhancement, career exploration, financial literacy, leadership building, cultural enrichment, volunteer opportunities and life skills development. The highly qualified staff challenges students to perform to the best of their abilities while taking into account each student's unique needs for tutoring and postsecondary education counseling. Active participation is required in order to ensure that students achieve to their fullest potential.

UBE's summer component is an extraordinary, life-changing experience for participants. Students engage in activities at Wichita State for six to eight weeks. Each activity is designed to emulate an authentic college experience.

UBE Highlights



Funded to Serve 60 Students



Will Serve High School Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors



Academic Year and Summer Residential Components



\$264,000 Total New Funding

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