

Upward Bound (U.S. Department of Education: TRIO Program)

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Iowa Lakes Community College will implement a 60-month Upward Bound project, beginning September 1, 2003. This outreach program will assist **60 eligible participants**, grades 9 – 12, to complete a rigorous high school course of study with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.60, enroll in college within four months of high school graduation, and earn a baccalaureate within six years. The target area will include five rural counties in Iowa's Fifth U.S. Congressional District: Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth and Palo Alto. More than 1,300 area high school students are eligible for the 60 participant slots. At least **75%** of project participants **will meet both low income and potential first-generation college criteria**; a minimum of **40%** will meet the higher risk student definition.

Services to achieve the Upward Bound purpose will be delivered through **three project components**: Core Services, Higher Risk Supplemental Services and Capstone/Enrichment Opportunities. Strategies to strengthen academic competencies necessary to complete the high school **core curriculum** will be integrated into **Academic Year and Summer Residential programming**. Weekly tutoring sessions, 'bell ringer' core curriculum activities, enrichment activities and intrusive advising will be the cornerstones of Academic Year programming. A six-week Summer Residential program will provide students further opportunities to strengthen academic competencies in a sequential menu of core curriculum courses through a simulated college experience. A summer *Work Study* program will help **retain at least 70% of participants through high school graduation**. Spring high school graduates may participate in the **Summer College Bridge program**, earning college credit for general education courses and honing college success skills.