Thank you for your interest in the Kennesaw State University Upward Bound Program for Rockmart and Cedartown High Schools. The Upward Bound program is designed to assist high school students who demonstrate the ability, motivation, and discipline to achieve success in their high school and college career. We are a year-round, rigorous enrichment program that helps to prepare students for college through tutoring, academic classes, cultural activities, college awareness workshops, career exploration workshops, and academic/personal advising.

The Upward Bound program accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the year for 9th – 11th graders. Applications for students not immediately accepted into the program will be placed on a waiting list. Students accepted into the program must meet the eligibility guidelines set by the Department of Education:

- Must be in 9th – 11th grade
- Must be enrolled in Rockmart or Cedartown High School
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Is income-eligible (family’s taxable income does not exceed the limits set forth by federal regulations governing the program) AND/OR:
  - A first- generation student (neither of the student's parents have received a 4-year college degree) AND/OR:
  - May have a high risk for academic failure

Cedartown students may turn application into PCCCA office; Rockmart students should drop application off in front office with Ms. Allred or bring to room 236. You may submit your application while awaiting the return of the teacher recommendation. Teacher recommendation must be completed by core subject teachers such as English, Math, or Science. Applications will not be considered until all documentation is received. Please use the checklist on the last page.

All Upward Bound Services are Free to eligible participants

Applicant Name: _________________________ Grade _____High School_______
Upward Bound Rockmart Cedartown
Student Application

Please complete all information on this application in Blue or Black INK.

A. Student Information:

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Student Cell Phone: ________________________  Home Phone: _________________

Student Email Address: ____________________________ (print legible)

Date of Birth:  _____/_____/_________   Grade: ___________ School: ______________

Gender (circle one):    Male       Female

*How did you hear about Upward Bound Rockmart/Cedartown?

*Do you have relatives that have participated in Upward Bound? (circle one): Yes or No

*Ethnic Background (please check all that apply):

❑ American Indian/Alaskan Native
❑ Asian
❑ Black, African-American, African
❑ Hispanic or Latino/Latina Descent
❑ White
❑ Native American/Other Pacific Islander

*Student Social Security Number: _______- ________ - ___________

*Are you a US citizen or permanent resident (circle one):  Yes   or    No

*If No, list your alien card Number ___________________________

*I currently live with (please check one)

❑ Both Parents
❑ One Parent- please circle which parent:  Mother or Father
❑ Parent and Stepparent
❑ Grandparents
❑ Legal Guardian
❑ Foster Parents
❑ Other

*Languages spoken at home: English   Spanish   Other:________________
**B. Parent/Legal Guardian Information:**

Please print and sign information in blue or black ink:

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Highest Level of Education Completed by Mother/Legal Guardian:

- □ K - 12  □ HS Diploma  □ GED  □ Certificate  □ Associate’s (2 years)  □ Bachelor’s (4 years) or higher

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**C. Income Verification:**

1.) Total number of persons living in your household including applicant: _________

2.) From your most recent tax form, what was your family's **TAXABLE income**? (not total or gross income) $ _____________________

3.) Taxable Income Year: _________

(Form 1040 line #43, Form 1040A Line# 27, Form 1040EX Line #6)

*If you did not have taxable income last year, please write 'zero'*

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________ Date: ______________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________
D. Student Academic Information

1.) Current High School: ______________________ Present Grade Level: ________

   Overall GPA: _______ Expected date of Graduation: ___________

2). Upon graduation from high school, what are your plans? Check One.

   □ Attend a 4-year college    □ 2-year college program    □ Enlist in the military

   □ Become Employed    □ Technical/Vocational/Trade program    □ Not Sure

3) List all extracurricular activities, including sports/clubs/organizations (in and out of school): that you are involved with and the participation dates (season(s)):

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4). Do you feel that any of the activities you listed will interfere with your participation in the Upward Bound Program? If yes, please explain

5) List the colleges you are interested in attending or obtaining information?

6) What are your career interests?
E. Thoughts About Yourself (Must be completed by applicant, in his/her own words and his/her own handwriting)

Things I am good at:
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________

Things I have done that I am proud of:
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________

Things I have enjoyed learning about:
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________

Skills I have learned that will help me in school:
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________

New skills I would like to learn before I graduate:
1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________

F. Applicant Essay: Choose one of the following topics to write a 250 or more word essay. Must be completed by applicant, either typed or handwritten on a separate sheet of paper. Please be sure to put your name on the essay.

1). Please share your purpose in applying to the Upward Bound Program, what you believe you will attain from the experience, and the contributions you can make to the program:

OR

2). Please share events and persons in your background that have influenced you in your educational and professional aspirations:
**G. Records Release, Commitment Statement and Certification of Information**

Release of School Records

I authorize the Upward Bound Program of Kennesaw State University to access and/or receive copies of my academic transcripts, grade reports, report cards, and any other academic information and test results necessary to complete the program's application process.

Statement of Commitment:

I understand that Kennesaw State University's Upward Bound program is a year-round educational experience that is meant to raise college entrance and graduation rates at Rockmart and Cedartown High Schools. This is a year-round educational experience that will require attendance to attend monthly advising, tutoring, Saturday Academies (once a month), participation in program travel and the summer academy program.

Certification:

The information contained herein is correct, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Kennesaw State University Upward Bound may ask for proof of any information provided on this application, and I agree to provide the necessary documents. I understand that if I refuse to provide proof of any information given, the applicant many be denied acceptance into the Upward Bound Program.

**Please print and sign that you have read and agree to all the above terms and conditions: Release of records, commitment statement and certification of information. Please sign and print in INK.**

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and the Georgia Public Information Act, Georgia Government Code §552.001 et seq., are respectively federal and state laws providing for the review and disclosure of student educational records. The University Outreach Programs-TRIO will not permit access to or the release of personality identifiable information contained in student educational records to any party without the written consent of the student, except as authorized by FERPA.
The Upward Bound Program is a program designed to assist students in preparing for and enrolling in a college or university of their choice. This recommendation form is very important in the evaluation and selection of students. We appreciate you taking the time to complete!

Once completed, please return to the student, or to the Upward Bound Classroom/Graduate Polk Success Center: Rockmart Mondays/Wednesdays and Cedartown Tuesdays/Thursdays

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade _________ School __________________

Recommender’s Name _________________________________ Subject __________________

1). How long have you known the applicant? _____ Years ____ Months

2). Please rate the following by placing an “x” in the appropriate column below:

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3). Please provide comments, based on your ratings, that you feel are pertinent to the student’s performance in the Upward Bound Program. Additional comments may be written on the back.

______________________________________________________________________________
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Recommender’s Signature ___________________________ Date _________________
Upward Bound Rockmart Cedartown Application Checklist

Please use this checklist to make sure you completed everything required for your application. Your application will not be considered until every section is complete and required documentation is submitted.

☐ Parts A through G: All sections completed with required signatures.

☐ Copy of your most recent report card. Rising 9th grade must submit a final 8th grade report card.

☐ Teacher recommendation from your English, Math or Science teacher. You may include an additional recommendation from a non-core subject teacher.

☐ Essay is attached (Section F) and contains a minimum of 250 words; is typed or neatly handwritten; your name is on the paper.

Completed applications can be turned into the front office. Rockmart students, please ask front office staff to place application in Ms. Shuman’s mailbox. You may submit your application while awaiting the return of the teacher recommendations. **Teacher recommendation must be completed by core subject teachers such as English, Math, or Science.** Applications will not be considered until all documentation is received.

Please contact us for any questions or concerns:

Mary Turner, Academic Advisor: 678-296-3717/mturn109@kennesaw.edu