

Dear Student & Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased that you are interested in participating in the Upward Bound Math Science Program (UBMS) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. UBMS is designed to prepare high school students for post-secondary education programs that lead to STEM careers (or careers in math, science, engineering, technology, or teaching careers in these areas). Before filling out this application, we ask that you and your parents take your time reading the information so that you understand the benefits of participating and your long-term commitment to the program.

UL Lafayette's UBMS program serves 63 high school students from five area high schools. Students will take part in engaging enrichment courses and activities throughout the academic year (monthly meetings and assignments & some Saturday sessions) and during the summer (six-week summer enrichment program). Program activities are designed to meet the individual needs of students to: a) strengthen their skills in reading, math, writing, and scientific reasoning skills, b) assist them in attaining ACT scores for TOPS and entrance into post-secondary education, c) work with research mentors to prepare for rigorous math/science research and coursework in college, and/or d) possibly earn college credit before graduating from high school (through Dual Enrollment or UL Lafayette's University College opportunities). Please note that you will receive more details after completing the initial paperwork.

Completion of this application packet will establish eligibility, but it does not guarantee that you will be accepted into the program. Participants who meet the eligibility requirements will receive additional forms to complete and a follow-up interview. All students initially enter a probationary period in which UBMS staff may monitor students' academic work, and applicants may decide if they can meet program goals and requirements. If you need assistance, feel free to contact us at (337)482-6828. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely,

Robert Carmouche  
TRIO Director

Julie Yavarian  
UBMS Administrative Coordinator

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. In ink, complete all forms and hand written essay responses. Return them by the designated deadline. (*Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.*)
2. Request and collect a recommendation from one high school **math** AND one high school **science teacher**.
3. **Submit your parent(s)' or guardian's latest tax return, or any other proof of income, e.g. social security, SSI benefits, food stamps, etc.**
4. If you meet all eligibility requirements, you will be sent a second set of forms to complete and asked for an interview with the UBMS staff after making the initial selection cut. Participants will be notified of their selection status usually **within 40 days of receipt of a completed application**.
5. Give this completed application to your high school counselor or mail the packet by the deadline to:

**UL Lafayette**  
**Upward Bound Math Science Program**  
**P.O. Box 43452**  
**Lafayette, LA 70504**

**Essay Questions:** *Please handwrite at least one paragraph for each essay question and submit with your application forms.*

1. Why did you decide to prepare for college and pursue a career in the math and/or science fields? How are you preparing now?
2. What do you hope to accomplish from your participation in the UBMS program? (Give details).
3. Explain what has been your greatest challenge in life and how have you overcome that challenge?

4. What do you think is the most important thing the UBMS staff should know about you?

## ELIGIBILITY

**To be eligible, each participant must:**

**Level 1:** Come from families that are considered by the federal government guidelines to be low income and/or first generation.

**a. Low income** status is determined from the line for **taxable income** on the 1040 Federal Income Tax form (or equivalent line on other forms) AND by the number of people currently in the household. If the parent(s) has not filed, other documentation, such as benefits should be included.

**b. First generation** means that neither of the participant's parents has **completed** a bachelor's degree. If the participant lives in a single-parent household and that parent has not completed a bachelor's degree, then the participant is classified as first generation.

**Note:** The UBMS staff will screen for eligibility.

**Level 2:** Have good grades in science and math and an overall 2.5 GPA or higher

**Level 3:** Plan to attend college AND major in a math and/or science based program;

**Level 4:** Be currently enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade and be willing to develop oneself through out the school year and each summer through participation until he/she completes high school. (*Sorry recruitment of Seniors is not allowed.*)

**Fill Out Form in Ink. Please Print your Information.**

**NAME:** First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:**  Male  Female

**Mailing Address:** Street or Box #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: LA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** / /

**Indicate the best time(s) to reach you by phone.** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. CITIZEN** **If no, what is your citizenship?** **LANGUAGE(S) SPOKEN AT HOME**

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

**ETHNICITY (RACE)** **PHYSICAL CONDITION**

White  Asian/Pacific Islander (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 African American  American Indian (tribe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hispanic  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any physical condition or handicap which requires special medical treatment, diet, travel arrangement, or other considerations?**  Yes  No

**Please explain if you have a physical condition or handicap:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION** List three (3) Alternative Contact Persons Other than your parents:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Student email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

**You live with?**  Mother  Father  Both Parents  Relative (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

**GRADE**  9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup> **GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT Taken?**  Yes  No **Year To Graduate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Counselor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Counselor's Phone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Training interests after high school:**  4-Year College  2-Year College  VoTech  Training School  Armed Forces

**Career Choices:** First) \_\_\_\_\_ Second) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Third) \_\_\_\_\_ Fourth) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you participate in one of the following:**  
 (Please do not apply if you have been accepted into the traditional Upward Bound Program)  
 Talent Search  Upward Bound (traditional)  
 LA GEAR UP

**NOTICE: This application is incomplete without attaching copies of: 1) Latest Income Tax Return & W2 Or other income forms, 2) student's birth certificate, and 3) student's social security card.**

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Upward Bound Math Science Program**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOW INCOME VERIFICATION**

Parents must provide this information for the student to be considered for the UBMS Program:

**Taxable family income** (most current) was \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use amount listed on IRS forms:

Line 43 of 1040 form; Line 27 of 1040A form; Line 6 of 1040EZ form

**Other Income** (Social Security, SSI, Food Stamps, or other benefits): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/Guardian Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please provide a **signed copy** of parents' **latest** W2 and **federal income tax returns**, if filed, **or other income verification such as SSI, TANF, Veteran's, Unemployment, or Disability statement.**

**FIRST GENERATION ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**

For each parent who lives in the student's household, please supply the following information:

**1. Mother/step mother/Legal Guardian** (please print name clearly):

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have **NOT** received a bachelor's degree from a college or university.

*Mother's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Father/step father/Legal Guardian** (please print name clearly):

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have **NOT** received a bachelor's degree from a college or university.

*Father's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

