



**The Best Place to Start**

## **EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM**

El Paso Community College (EPCC) is proud to inform you of its newly awarded Upward Bound Program. Upward bound is the oldest of the U.S. Department of Education TRIO programs that was started in 1964. The Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The EPCC Upward Bound Program provides support to high school students in their preparation for college entrance. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which students complete high school and enroll in and graduate from postsecondary institutions.

Students will begin the program with an assessment to determine their academic strengths and weaknesses. Instruction is individualized to meet the needs of each participant. During the academic year, September through May, the students meet at one of the EPCC campuses for three Saturdays a month. On Saturdays, students will receive instruction in literature, science, foreign language, math, composition, and computer technology. Students also participate in enrichment activities such as field trips to museums, theatre, and visits to other colleges. During the school week academic tutoring and mentoring will be provided at the high school campus.

During the summer, students attend a six week session that consists of daily classes in foreign language, math, literature, science, government, computers and public speaking. The Upward Bound staff will help students prepare college admissions applications; apply for financial aid and scholarships. Students receive a stipend for their participation in both the Saturday and summer programs.

Research shows that students who participate in an Upward Bound Program are more likely to attend a four year college or university than students who do not participate. Participants are also more likely to complete Honors and Advanced Placement courses while in high school

The El Paso Community College Upward Bound Program serves ninth grade high school students in the Clint and San Elizario Independent School Districts. To apply for enrollment into the program, you will need to fill out an application with the required documentation. Upon submission of your application you will be scheduled for an interview. Should you have any questions, contact the Upward Bound office at 831-3377.

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