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| |  | | --- | | **Our Mission Statement** | | The mission of Dime Child Foundation is to provide educational resources and services to youth to help ensure them hope for a promising future. The acronym D.I.M.E. stands for **demanding intelligence through mentoring and education**. Through programs that emphasize the importance of education, mentoring, leadership and social change and moral values, youth are encouraged to seek their highest level of potential.  Dime Child Foundation is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded April 12, 2001. | |  |  | |  | | --- | |  | | A sign on the side of a building  Description automatically generated**How do I apply to Upward Bound?**  If the Dime Child Foundation Upward Bound Program interest you, please contact your school counselor or contact the Upward Bound office directly at (312) 461-0200 for an application.  **Is there any cost involved?**  All program services are provided cost-free.  *The Upward Bound Program provides transportation.*  */var/folders/wt/1_1c6kvs5n770wrs16h5p1280000gn/T/com.microsoft.Word/Content.MSO/56BA1447.tmp*  Year around and summer sessions will be held at  **East West University**  **816 S. Michigan Ave**  **Chicago, IL 60605**  **9:00 am – 1:00pm** | | Contact Us  Dime Child Foundation  Upward Bound Program  1038 West 35th Street Chicago, IL 60609  Phone: (312) 461-0200  Director: Jessica Smith  Email: jessica@weareembrace.org  Direct Contact: (773) 807-5783 | |  |  | |  | | --- | |  | | A sign on the side of a building  Description automatically generated | |  | |  | |

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| |  | | --- | | A group of people in a room  Description automatically generated | | Services Provided  * College Prep * Free Tutoring * ACT Preparation * Academic Advising * College Tours * Educational and Cultural Field Trips * Financial Literacy * Stipends   **How can Upward Bound help me?**  A person standing in front of a building  Description automatically generated Upward Bound gives students a chance to find out what college life is all about and helps them develop the skills necessary to succeed in high school, and ultimately, in college. The program emphasizes reading, writing, and math skills. There may be additional courses during the summer in the arts and foreign languages. | |  |  | |  | | --- | | What is Upward Bound? Upward Bound is a college preparatory program, federally funded by the United States Department of Education that was designed to help low-income, first generation students enroll and complete programs of post-secondary education. *Dime Child Upward Bound is for you if:*  * You plan to attend college after high school * You want to improve your grades * You need one-on-one tutoring * You meet the eligibility requirements * You can commit to our program for the next 10 years * Build communication, time management, and interpersonal skills * Follow instructions in a structured classroom environment * Can respect authority and comply with the rules and regulations. | |  | |  | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Who can join Upward Bound? In order to join the Upward Bound Program, you must:   * Meet federal income guidelines and/or be a potential first-generation college student (neither of your parents has received a four-year college degree). * Have the potential for success in education beyond high school * Have the need for academic support while in school * Be enrolled in grades 9-10 when applying * Have interest in furthering your education beyond high school  Application Process  * Completed Application * Income verification: Parent(s) or guardian(s) 1040 forms, or public assistance statement, check stubs, W2, 1099, unemployment documents, or SSI etc. * Counselor & Teacher recommendation forms * One-page personal statement * Copy of social security card * Official high school transcripts * A group of people in a room    Description automatically generatedStandardized test records | |  | |  | |