Dear Parent:

The **Upward Bound Program at Claflin University** is in the process of recruiting students for the 2020-2021 summer and academic year who are interested in achieving excellence in high school and pursuing enrollment to post-secondary education. Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the **Upward Bound Program**. We have given your child a brochure, which explains how the program operates and an application for you and your child to complete and sign. Please read the following carefully and contact us if you need assistance. Telephone numbers can be found on the back of the brochure and checklist.

If your child is selected to participate in the program, it is important that you understand the following expectations:

1. All participants are expected to enroll in high school for three (3) years.
2. All participants are required to participate in both the six-week Summer Residential program, the Academic Year program-two Saturdays per month, and after school tutoring as needed.
3. All participants are expected to enroll in a post-secondary institution after high school graduation. (For example, college, university, community college or technical school or degree programs.)
4. All participants will receive assistance in applying for financial aid to attend a post-secondary institution.
5. All participants will receive a stipend during the summer and during the academic year while participating in Upward Bound.
6. All participants will attach three **completed teacher recommendation forms, one (1) counselor recommendation form** (enclosed), and an **official transcript and report card** with **standardized test scores**.

We hope that your child will be eligible and selected to participate in the Upward Bound Program. We look forward to meeting and working with you and your child.

Respectfully,

Gwendolyn B. Phillips  
Director of Upward Bound

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2020-2021 Application Checklist

Please make sure you complete and return the following items with your Upward Bound application.

1. Signed and dated application by student and parent/guardian
2. Signed copy of 2018 Federal income tax information (page 1 and 2) or
3. 2018 non-taxable income verification (i.e., Social Security benefits, unemployment, worker’s compensation, child support, retirement information, pension, etc.)
4. Transcript and Copy of January 2020 High School Report card
5. Standardized test scores (8th grade PASS)
6. English, Math, and Science teacher recommendations
7. Counselor recommendation

NOTE
Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions pertaining to your application, please contact the Upward Bound office at (803) 535-5061, (803) 535-5060, (803) 535-5058 or (803) 535-5056.