

Upward Bound Sonoma & Napa Programs

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January 2026 Newsletter

Welcoming UB Piner

Happy New Year! 🎉

We're excited to announce that our classroom-based program, **Upward Bound Piner**, will officially be joining the **Upward Bound Sonoma & Napa Programs!**

If you're unfamiliar with our UB Piner program, The Upward Bound Piner classroom model offers regular classes during the school day that supports students academically and helps them prepare for college and life after high school. Students receive help with core subjects, study skills, and test preparation, and learn about college applications, financial aid, and career options. Classes are supportive and engaging, giving students opportunities to ask questions, build skills, and receive individualized guidance.



FAFSA Academy

January 24th, 2026

We will be hosting a FAFSA Workshop for Upward Bound seniors and their families on **Saturday, January 24th**. This workshop will give students the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the FAFSA application, begin completing it, and prepare it for submission.

In partnership with **Sonoma State Universities Financial Aid Office**, we look forward to this event being our first success of the new year!



Need Anything? Contact Us!

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Planning Ahead

With the new year ahead, it's time to start planning for a successful semester! Here are a few tips to help you make the most of your Upward Bound experience:

- Attend **Saturday Academy** and **Outreach** dates to connect with your classmates and advisors.
- Schedule **tutoring sessions** to stay on top of homework and difficult topics.
- Stay an **active UB student** by submitting all required documents and forms on time.

Remember, the more you participate, the more opportunities you'll have to enjoy fun events like field trips!



If you have not already turned in your Saturday Academy forms, please make sure to do so **before** our first Academy date!



2025-2026

Recruitment

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will open later this month!

Upward Bound is a college preparatory program that supports **low-income and first-generation** students as they prepare to apply to and attend a four-year university. It's a valuable resource for both students and their families.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating in the Upward Bound Program, be sure to visit our website and submit an application!

Application can be found here:

<https://precollegiate.sonoma.edu/>

We have more events coming down the pipeline, so stay tuned for future newsletters, emails, and social media posts to stay up to date!

