

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Subject: Scholarship for Upward Bound Student Graduates Reference: G-X-o  
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Two high school graduates who have been participants in the Upward Bound Program shall be awarded a scholarship to attend McLennan Community College. The scholarship shall be awarded by the Scholarship Committee, and the Project Director, Upward Bound.

The scholarship shall be for full tuition and fees excluding late registration fees, travel course fees, or class change fees each semester and shall be valid for four consecutive long semesters (for example fall, spring, fall, spring), after graduation from high school. Recipients of the scholarship shall begin using it not later than the fall semester following graduation from high school. Exceptions must be approved by the Vice President, Student Success.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the Upward Bound students shall meet the following criteria:

1. Be a resident of McLennan County.
2. Have actively participated in the Upward Bound Program for at least three years.
3. Have graduated with a high school grade average of 80 or better.
4. Enroll or intend to enroll in a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level course work in the fall semester immediately following the completion of the summer Upward Bound Bridge Program.
5. Maintain at least a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 while enrolled at the College to remain eligible for the scholarship. Exceptions to the course load and grade point average requirement must be approved by the Director of Financial Aid.
6. Submit to the Scholarship Committee through the Project Director, Upward Bound:
  - a) copy of high school transcript;

- b) two letters of recommendation, one from the Academic or Counseling Specialist, Upward Bound Program, and the other from a high school teacher, counselor, or someone who is knowledgeable of the student's ability to persevere in completing assigned tasks and his/her involvement in school and community activities; and
  - c) a personal statement concerning a declared educational interest which will include their educational goals.
7. Scholarship recipients must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), unless exempted by the President.

The Director of Financial Aid shall administer the scholarship for Upward Bound students under the supervision of the Vice President, Student Success.