

## Senior (October / Unit 14): College Admission Applications

**Objectives: Submit college applications in a timely manner.**

To successfully complete this unit and receive your stipend, complete the following activities:

- Complete all activities in this unit.
- Complete and include your **Student Grade Check** form.
- Include your parent/guardian’s signature on the **Evaluation Sheet**.
- Complete the **Stipend Request** form.
- **Have site sponsor sign the Mid-Month Check-In (even if not fully finished) by \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Be prepared to review it with UB staff on \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Stipend Requirements

Stipend Amounts	Possible Portfolio Completions
<b>Complete = \$40.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unit 100% complete:</b> turned in on-time, parent/guardian signature, and site sponsor signature.</li> </ul>
<b>Partial = \$30.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unit 75% complete:</b> includes parent/guardian and site sponsor signatures.</li> <li>• <b>Unit 100% complete:</b> includes parent/guardian signature; <u>does not</u> include site sponsor signature.</li> </ul>
<b>Partial = \$20.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unit 100% complete:</b> <u>does not</u> include parent/guardian signature.</li> <li>• <b>Unit 50% complete:</b> includes parent/guardian and site sponsor signatures.</li> </ul>
<b>Incomplete = \$0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unit less than 50% complete</b> (even if unit includes parent/guardian and site sponsor signatures)</li> </ul>

### What to do if you are absent on portfolio visit days!

Planned Absences (e.g. sports games, field trips, etc.)	Unplanned Absences (e.g. sick, flat tire, abduction by aliens, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give your binder to your site sponsor <u>before you leave</u>. UB staff will review your work, and you are eligible for a full \$40 stipend.</li> <li>• If you forget to leave your binder with your site sponsor before you leave but turn it in to your sponsor the <u>first day you return</u>, you are eligible for a \$20 maximum stipend (even if the unit is fully complete). If there are unforeseen problems with finishing your unit, <u>notify your site sponsor and/or UB staff immediately</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give your binder to your site sponsor <u>the day you return to school</u>. You are still eligible for a full \$40 stipend.</li> <li>• If you forget to give your binder to your site sponsor <u>the day you return</u>, you have <u>24 hours</u> to turn in your unit for a \$20 maximum stipend (even if the unit is fully complete). If there are unforeseen problems with finishing your unit, <u>notify your site sponsor and/or UB staff immediately</u>.</li> </ul>

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### Personal Affirmation

Rewrite your affirmation by describing who you are – or strive to be!

“I am a/an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(adjective) (adjective) (adjective) (your role)

Don't forget your affirmation – and your commitment to yourself. You will write it each month!

#### Step 1: Instructions

To finish this unit, **you will have to submit three completed postsecondary applications for admission.** You shouldn't let this requirement stop you from submitting more than three applications if you're interested in more than three schools, and we encourage you to submit more than three!

#### Please complete the following steps:

1. Refer to “Helpful Hints and Instructions for Completing Postsecondary Admissions Applications” (Step 2) and “Helpful Hints and Instructions for Writing the College Application Essay” (Step 3) from your September unit while completing your applications.
2. Complete and sign three (or more) postsecondary admissions applications of your choosing. These should be the applications you collected all of the material for during the last unit, as well as any additional admission applications from other schools.
  - Ask a counselor at your school, or call the Upward Bound office if you need any further assistance with the applications.
3. Please print all online applications prior to submission. You will need copies of submitted applications for your records and for Upward Bound.
4. Update the Important Dates to Remember table from the last unit.
5. If the schools you applied to have Summer Bridge Programs, find out how to apply for those.
6. Refer to your **Senior Year Time Line**, and review, update and take action on completing any of the recommended actions for the month. According to your Time Line, what should you have already done? What should you be doing right now? Provide your answers below.
7. Update and fill in the College / University Contact list in order to keep track of any information received from the schools you are interested in attending.

*During your portfolio visit, Upward Bound will collect copies of your **submitted** applications.*

*Please be prepared to give them to us.*



ADMISSION STATUS		
Date	College / University	<b>Admission Status</b> <i>(e.g. admitted, not admitted, send transcripts, send ACT/SAT scores, etc.)</i>

## Step 2: Previews / Orientation

Colleges and universities offer New Student Orientation / Preview Week and Welcome Week programs. The goal of these programs is to help you and your parents make a successful transition to university life. These programs are a comprehensive introduction to the college or university campus. They provide the chance to meet other new students, faculty members, and academic advisors.

During the summer, colleges typically offer **New Student Orientation and/or Preview Week** for new freshman and transfer students. All new students and their parents are invited. These events are the earliest opportunity to experience campus life, receive academic advisement, and sign up for classes. Depending on the college, parents attend **Parent Orientation** at the same time where they are provided with answers to the most frequently asked questions and explore topics such as finances and providing support for a college student.

Each fall, new students and their parents arrive on campus several days earlier than older students for **Welcome Week** (or other names, such as “Fall Welcome”). This time is usually filled with a variety of programs, workshops, academic forums, and social activities all designed to provide students with a foundation for educational success, personal growth, and creative challenge, and to meet other new students. Making a smooth transition to the college setting is vitally important. Welcome Week is a special time set aside to help students and their parents make this transition.

Whatever school you plan to attend next fall, you should contact the admissions office and ask about their New Student Orientation/Preview Week/Welcome Week programs. Even if the college does not have mandatory programs, you and your parents should make plans to attend any new student events offered at the college.

## SENIOR PORTFOLIO MID-MONTH CHECK-IN SHEET October / Unit 14 • College Admission Applications

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: To obtain full credit complete this check-in sheet of your unit work.**

- It is advisable that you take time to think of what portfolio work you need to complete between now and the day your portfolio is due, and get to work on it!
- Please circle the appropriate response and answer in complete sentences where asked.
- **Site Sponsor must sign Check – In Sheet by due date on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of your portfolio unit.** This is typically 1 week before your portfolio visit.

1. What parts of the unit have you completed?

- a) all of it
- b) half or more
- c) very little of it
- d) none of it

2. What parts of the unit do you still need to complete?

3. What part of this unit, if any, are you having difficulties with? Why?

4. What type of help do you need, if any, in order to complete unit by the due date?

**FOR SITE SPONSOR TO COMPLETE:**

Unit at least ½ complete: Y N

Site Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

