

Dear Nominator:

The student named on the reverse side has applied for entrance to the St. Olaf Upward Bound program, and has asked you to fill out this letter of recommendation for him/her. Upward Bound is a college preparatory education program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to serve 77 students. Upward Bound is designed to provide counseling, academic and supportive services to students who have the potential, but may lack the skills and/or motivation, to enter a postsecondary education program upon completion of high school. Admission is not automatic; students must complete a rigorous application and selection process.

Upward Bound looks for indications of the following characteristics or attributes to predict a student's academic potential and ability to succeed in postsecondary education:

1. Regular class attendance
2. Desire/expectation to finish high school
3. Participation in class
4. Reading and math skills no more than two years behind grade level
5. Involvement in extracurricular activities
6. Average to above average grades (2.0 GPA or better)
7. Indicators of parental/guardian support and cooperation
8. Ability to complete a task and achieve a goal

You may find it helpful to keep this list in mind as you answer the questions on the reverse side. If you have any questions, contact us at 1-800-827-8658. Please return this form to the Upward Bound box in the main office when completed. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mari Tototzintle,  
Director

\*Application materials are also available online at: [www.stolaf.edu/services/upward](http://www.stolaf.edu/services/upward)  
Click on the "Student Information & Resources" link.

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**ST. OLAF COLLEGE UPWARD BOUND  
TEACHER NOMINATOR FORM**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Subject \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the applicant currently a student in your class?  Yes  No  
 If No, when was applicant a student in your class? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How is the student's **attendance**?  Poor  Fair  Good  Excellent  
 Comments:

3. What **grade** is the student earning?  A  B  C  D  N

4. What grade is the student **capable** of earning?  A  B  C  D  N  
 Comments:

5. Are assignments generally turned in **on time**?  Yes  No

6. Student's class **participation**/motivation?  Poor  Fair  Good  Excellent  
 Comments:

5. Applicant's **rapport with peers**?  Poor  Fair  Good  Excellent  
 Comments:

8. Applicant's **rapport with adults**?  Poor  Fair  Good  Excellent  
 Comments:

9. **Potential** to go to postsecondary education?  Poor  Fair  Good  Excellent  
 Comments:

10. Are you aware of anything that would **prevent** this student from attaining his/her goals (e.g. home environment, financial problems, etc.)?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please explain:

11. Is the student strongly **motivated/inclined** toward any particular subject/area?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please explain

12. Additional Comments: