



UPWARD BOUND  
*Northfield Mount Hermon School*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the parent of a Northfield Mount Hermon Upward Bound Program Scholar. Our Parent Advisory Council is doing a fundraiser for the program and would like to request a donation from your business.

The Upward Bound Program is a college preparatory program for low-income students who will be the first in their families to attend college. Our program is located in Northfield, Massachusetts, and we currently serve 100 students from Franklin County, Holyoke, and Springfield. Upward Bound students commit to a rigorous academic program for six weeks each summer and after school sessions throughout the academic year. They are serious scholars who are unlikely to go to college without a great deal of academic and financial support. Attending college is key to breaking out of poverty and being able to make valuable contributions to their families and communities. Many students who have worked hard to get accepted to college continue to face huge financial barriers to attending and completing college. Each year the rising costs of tuition and the reduced financial aid available create more obstacles for hard working, deserving students.

The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships averaging \$100-\$800 to graduating seniors who are accepted into college but still have a significant gap in their financial aid package, making it difficult for them to attend college. In order to raise money for the Upward Bound Scholarship Fund, the program is asking for donations of money or goods and services. **100% of all monetary donations go directly to students; no money goes to administrative costs.** The program has 501C3 status and all donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions about our program, please do not hesitate to contact the director, Gisele Litalien at (413) 498-3652 or e-mail [glitalien@nmhschool.org](mailto:glitalien@nmhschool.org).

Sincerely,