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Dear Counselor:

The University of Connecticut's Upward Bound/ConnCAP Program is recruiting new students. We need your assistance in identifying students who will benefit from the educational opportunities that the program offers. Please find enclosed information regarding the program; *if you need additional applications please let us know*. The program can only recruit from specific high schools in your area. You can see the list of schools in the enclosed "About UConn's Upward Bound Program" description.

Students must submit a completed application on or before the February 14th (Valentine's Day) deadline. We recruit 9th grade students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student is of the **first-generation** in the family to potentially attend college; AND/OR
2. The student meets the federal **low-income** income guidelines; AND
3. The student has the potential to attend college, but has **academic need** and meets at least **one** of the following:
 - a. Freshmen who want to improve academically or have a total GPA of 2.50 or less.
 - b. Students with few credits in the core academic subjects.
 - c. Students who have not taken Algebra I at the time of application.
 - d. Students who have the potential to go to college, but lack motivation or have low educational aspirations.
 - e. Students with low achievement CMT scores.

Once a student is accepted into the program the student should be considered college prep material and have his/her program of study reflects that standing. Students should expect to work hard: The **six-week residential summer component** has a very demanding curriculum and students spend most of their time studying and preparing for class. We will also offer students opportunities to get involved in sports, extracurricular activities, and attend field trips. During the **academic year component**, students attend weekly meetings and monthly Saturday academic days. Students also receive many services such as tutoring, academic advising, and attend college trips.

We hope that this description provides you with helpful information. Should you require additional information, please contact us at (860) 486-3549. Applications can also be printed from our web site at www.cap.uconn.edu/upwardbound.html

Sincerely,

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