Upward Bound Wichita Prep (UBWP) is a college preparatory program that has been in existence since 1965. UBWP assists low-income, first-generation college bound high school students to complete their secondary education, while preparing them for college. The program’s unique offerings include an academic year program and a summer residential college experience.

UBWP’s services and activities are designed to nurture students’ growth in academics, career exploration, financial literacy, leadership building, cultural enrichment, and volunteer opportunities. The staff challenges students to perform to their best while taking into account each student’s unique needs for tutoring and postsecondary education counseling. Active participation is required in order to ensure that students reach their potential.

UBWP’s summer residential component can be an extraordinary and life-changing experience for participants. Students live in the Wichita State residence halls for six to eight weeks. Each activity is designed to emulate an authentic college experience. The students selected to participate in the summer experience have successfully completed the academic year component. Participants’ academic records, as well as an individual assessment, are used to design a personalized plan of support services.