To the Members of the Upward Bound Program's Graduating Class of 2019:

The Rhode Island College Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship Committee invites you to apply for this year's scholarships. Only seniors currently enrolled in the Rhode Island College Upward Bound Program are eligible.

The Rhode Island College Upward Bound Program’s Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1988 and has grown over the years as a result of the vision, gratitude, and commitment of Upward Bound alumni, students, staff, and friends of the program. The Scholarship Committee, comprised of prominent alumni, has granted more than 120 awards during the past 30 years. Recipients have achieved great success in postsecondary education, and several have earned advanced degrees in law, medicine, education, and business. The names of these scholarship recipients are listed on the perpetual plaque in the Upward Bound office.

Three major scholarships will be granted in the amounts of $3000, $2500, and $2000. A $500 book award, named in honor of Dr. John Nazarian, 8th President of Rhode Island College, will be awarded to applicants who are selected for an interview but not selected for one of the three major scholarships. In addition, the Mariam Z. Boyajian Technology Award will be awarded. The names of the scholarship recipients will be announced during the Upward Bound graduation ceremony, and the top recipient will have the distinct honor of reading his/her essay.

The application can be found on the home page of the Upward Bound Web site at www.ric.edu/upward_bound.

To be considered for one of this year’s scholarships, you must:

1. Submit all parts of the application to the Upward Bound office before the deadline, which is 4:30pm on Thursday, January 31, 2019.
2. Know that the Scholarship Committee will not consider any applications that are incomplete, handwritten, or late. A checklist is provided to guide you through the process.
3. Complete a challenging academic curriculum in high school and graduate with your class.
4. Exhibit the qualities necessary to contribute to the future success of Upward Bound.
5. Finalize and confirm plans to enroll in a four-year college or university in the fall of 2019.
6. You will be informed if you have or have not been selected for an interview by March 2. If you do not receive a letter mailed to you by that date, you should call the Upward Bound office to check on your status.
7. Semi-finalists will be invited to interview (must be present and on time) with members of the Scholarship Committee on Saturday, March 9. Interviews will not be rescheduled.

Due to the guidelines of this scholarship, the Upward Bound Counselors and members of this committee will support your efforts, but they cannot advise or help you in the application process. You may, however, ask for assistance from high school teachers and/or UB teachers who are not program graduates.

Each of us wishes you success as you continue your pursuit for higher education. Upon your graduation, we invite you to help us plan future events to benefit Upward Bound and the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Sincerely,

Members of the 2019 Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship Committee