

### STUDENT ESSAY

Thank you for your interest in Marquette University's EOP Pre-College Division, Upward Bound, our classic pre-college program designed to nurture success in pursuit of any career field or Upward Bound Math & Science, our focused pre-college offering to students with a strong interest and desired success in a math and science career. We value greatly each young man and woman who becomes a part of our family, and we strive to ensure that each is provided the opportunities and resources to complete high school with core academic classes, maintaining a GPA over 3.0, to learn about interests and to exercise talents, abilities, and passions, to enter and graduate from an accredited college or university, and to live a life of meaning and excellence.

#### Marquette's EOP Pre-College Division has a proud tradition of success:

- Fully 95% of all participants will graduate high school in four years.
- Over 85% will attend an accredited college or university directly after high school to pursue an area of interest, with 65% enrolling in their college of first choice.
- Graduates, collectively and on average, earn over \$1,000,000 in grants, scholarships, and tuition remission.
- Participants attend universities all over the country, to include among many others: the University of Wisconsin schools, Amherst, Spelman, Marquette, Morehouse, DePaul, Washington University, Florida A&M, Howard, University of Chicago, Xavier, MIAD, Columbia (Chicago), Roosevelt, Butler, Big Ten institutions, Alverno, Carroll, MSOE, Valparaiso.
- A full 100% receive the care, concern, motivation, support, discipline, encouragement that embodies the EOP Pre-College Division's mission to care for and to build up the whole person—*Cura Personalis*.

#### STUDENT ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:

In a 4-6 paragraph essay, tell us who you are, what dreams you have, what obstacles you see in your way, and, finally, why you believe you possess the determination, strong work ethic, and desire to make the needed sacrifices to be a thriving member of our Upward Bound family.

Attach your essay to this completed application.

*Thank you again for your interest, and we look forward to reviewing your application and talking with you about your desire to join our EOP Pre-College Division family.*

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Applicants are encouraged to submit completed applications as soon as possible. 2011 Federal Tax information and report cards (or academic transcript) can be obtained in January and added to an active application.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, February 24th, 2012. Personal interviews will begin mid-March, with final decisions made by late April.