



Upward Scholars is a Latinx-led organization that provides adult immigrants the boost they need to move up the economic ladder through education and career development support.



What We Do

Upward Scholars supports adult immigrants from low-income households so they may overcome the barriers that limit their success. We provide financial, academic, career development, and holistic support year-round to help students succeed.

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Our Impact

Upward Scholars enables adult immigrants to continue their education, get better jobs with benefits and family-sustaining wages, and serve as role models and advocates for their children and others in our communities.

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How You Can Help

Upward Scholars depends on community support. We need volunteers to tutor, mentor, and practice English one-on-one with our students as well as to practice English with students in a group setting at our Conversation Club. You can also give a generous donation today.

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“Upward Scholars pays for my books which cost hundreds of dollars a semester. Before I had a car, they paid for my bus and they bought me a laptop so I can take online classes...I am in this country alone. Upward Scholars is like my family. They support me and encourage me and help me believe in myself.”

— UPWARD SCHOLARS STUDENT, LORENZA VILLANUEVA

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When the pandemic cut her work hours, Yancy seized the chance to pursue a lifelong dream—earning a degree in healthcare. With support from Upward Scholars, she's gone from ESL student to future medical assistant, determined to help others find the relief and care she once needed herself.

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From Pastries to Preschool: Kiara's Story

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Erika & Diana's Story: One tutor. One student. A life transformed.

When Erika signed up to tutor with Upward Scholars, she thought she was just helping someone improve their English. She never imagined it would transform her life—and the life of her student, Diana. From working the night shift at Burger King to earning a college degree, Diana's story is one of grit, growth, and the power of human connection.

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