

Program Requirements & How to Apply

Interested students must meet and fulfill the following:

- Be admitted to UW-Stout as a first-year incoming student and committed to attending.
- Intend to reside on the Multicultural Living Community (MLC) floor.
- Submit housing deposit and contract by April 1.
- Commit to a one-week early move-in date with active engagement in the program.
- Meet with SWB staff twice each semester.



Apply Today!

Prospective participants must complete a SWB application at UWStout.edu/SWB.



Stoutward Bound provided a lot of peace of mind and eased most of my worries when it came to college and college life. At the time, it felt like I was jumping into higher education head first. Stoutward Bound helped me find my footing and get accustomed to the shift in lifestyle, this also allowed me to create solid social connections that have encouraged me to be more active in my communities!

- Evangeline Thao, Cohort 2022

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Before You Start Stout



Stoutward Bound

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Build a Strong College Network.

The Stoutward Bound (SWB) program, offered through the Multicultural Student Services (MSS) office, provides meaningful experiences and interactions that focus on academic success, building campus connections, and fostering a sense of community for incoming first-year students.

As a SWB scholar, students will be part of a supportive living and learning community that will prepare them for success by helping them transition to college and guiding them throughout their educational journey. The program is no cost to students to participate. SWB scholars are eligible to apply for one of five \$1,000 SWB Scholarships following their active participation.

Program Benefits

Early Engagement

SWB scholars arrive on campus one week before the fall semester to get to know the campus, connect with other students, and participate in college success activities.

- **Early Academic Success:** Build confidence in academic skills to ensure a strong start.
- **Campus & Community Engagement:** Gain familiarity with the campus and community, locate essential resources, and learn of involvement opportunities.
- **Experiential Learning:** Participate in out-of-the classroom activities that reinforce classroom learning and personal growth and development.
- **Leadership Development:** Develop leadership skills through practical experience.
- **Sustainable Learning Community:** Engage in a supportive learning community throughout the first year of college.
- **Supportive Environment:** Benefit from a supportive network of peer leaders, faculty, and staff.



Learning Community

During the one-week early start session, students will engage in workshops designed to assist their transition from high school to college and connect them with relevant resources. Attendance is mandatory for students in the SWB program.

In the fall, SWB students are required to enroll in the eight-week TRDIS 102 First-Year Polytechnic Seminar course. This course introduces students to life at UW-Stout and the benefits of earning a Polytechnic degree, providing hands-on learning, career-focused activities, and collaborative experiences to support their success in the Stout community. This course is open to all incoming first-year students.

Additionally, SWB students meet with their advisor twice per semester, attend a fall Leadership Retreat, and engage in community-building and academic success activities.

Living Community

SWB is designed for incoming first-year students planning to reside on the Multicultural Living Community (MLC) floor. Open to all students, the MLC fosters an inclusive community where individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences can come together. The MLC is dedicated to promoting understanding and inclusivity, with a focus on diversity in all forms.