



## The Unbound Guarantee

Ascend Foundations Students

*This guarantee is entered into by and between the student receiving it and the Unbound team. Before we go any further, here's a disclaimer: this document is not intended to be a complicated agreement full of confusing legalese that sneaks in additional terms and agreements between the lines. This is a clean, straightforward guarantee that if you, the student, fully participate in the Ascend program to the absolute best of your ability, Unbound will partner with you to provide the necessary resources, support, and leadership needed for you to successfully complete the program requirements towards your degree and the Ascend and Signature Leadership Certifications. This document is intended to outline how that will happen through the actions of the student and Unbound.*

**Ascend Foundations** is the first year of Ascend. As its name suggests, it provides a solid foundation for all of the student education and experience to follow.

In year one, students receive an introduction in several key areas of practical, hands-on education through webinars, student challenges, academic and nonacademic course content, and live events.

### The Student

As a company and a staff team, Unbound is fully committed to the student's success in the Ascend program and views each Ascend student as a partner with Unbound for that success. For their part in that partnership, the student guarantees:

They will be on a team of 5-10 other students led by a hand-selected and highly trained team leader. They will meet with their team on a video call once a month and engage online via the Slack chat platform throughout the rest of the month.

They will attend monthly expert-led webinars where they will learn from and ask questions of a variety of people based on the paths they've chosen for their education, profession, and ministry. These webinars are designed to expose students to a wide variety of fields, ideas, and principles.

They will attend three live student events where they will learn about the key concepts, principles, and tools needed for successful leadership, professional, academic, and



personal development. They will put knowledge into practice through challenges and tasks designed to give them real-world experience through hands-on application.

They will conceive, plan, and execute a student project based on their individual interests and passions. This project can be completed solo, in partnership with other team members, or in partnership with others outside of Unbound. This project can be as simple or as ambitious as the student desires, but it must demonstrate the student's ability to take an idea and turn it into reality.

They will work through course materials and assignments to earn fully accredited and transferable college credit through specific online college courses based on their chosen major and target institution.

## **Unbound**

As a company and a staff team, Unbound is fully committed to the student's success in the Ascend program and views each Ascend student as a partner with Unbound towards that success. For their part in that partnership, Unbound guarantees:

They will provide hand-selected and highly trained team leaders who are equipped to coach and support students through their Ascend program experience through scheduled team meetings, as needed one-on-one conversations, and the provision of resources and connections where applicable.

They will host a varied list of field-experts on monthly webinars designed and intended to expose students to a wide variety of fields, ideas, and principles.

They will plan and host three live student events, provide all-inclusive registration and travel arrangements based on the student's individual situation (if you are flying, Unbound will book your tickets. If you are driving, Unbound will provide a travel voucher).

They will provide support, applicable resources, feedback, and any needed guidance for all student projects.

They will provide access to three online, fully accredited Christian leadership courses through the Signature Leadership Courses Series.



They will provide access to a four-year degree plan and the applicable general education college courses through their courses partner, Pearson Accelerated Pathways.

They will provide full access to the Unbound student community through the Unbound student Facebook group, online forums, video hangouts, live events, and opportunities for international missions. This access will remain open to the student during and after their enrollment in the Ascend program.

And finally, upon the successful completion of everything listed above for both the student and Unbound, Unbound will award the student with the Ascend certification outlining the academic, professional, and individual accomplishments the student achieved as an Ascend student. Unbound will also award the student with the Signature Leadership certification outlining the leadership practice, development, and experience the student gained as an Ascend student.

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Unbound believes their students are called to greater things than most people settle for, that there are often better ways to learn those things than merely sitting in a classroom, and that education should equip you for a life of impact. Unbound's highest educational goal is to teach students how to effectively learn so that they can quickly and effectively master the complicated information they will need in life. The Ascend program is intended to carry out that goal through the actions of the student and Unbound outlined in this guarantee. If both parties successfully complete their part in this guarantee, the student will graduate their first year with Ascend — **Ascend Foundations** — with 9, 15, or 30 fully transferable college credits towards their degree and target institution of choice, a completed real-world project unique to their interests and passions, the ability to ask the right questions in the face of decisions, a solid foundation in spiritual and religious education taught from an unapologetically Christian worldview, and an increased ability to manage their time, tasks, and relationships with excellence, endurance, and resiliency.