## TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES-TRADITIONAL AND TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES-ESL

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TRIO Student Support Services is a program specifically designed to assist students in the transition to higher education and the college environment. Participants receive individualized academic advising and guidance, financial aid, scholarship and financial literacy assistance, math and writing support, transfer advice, career development assistance, and cultural and civic engagement opportunities.

To be eligible for the TRIO program a student must meet one of the following eligibility criteria and be a citizen or national of the United States:

- 1. First generation student (neither parent has graduated with a bachelor's degree).
- 2. Low income.
- 3. Physical or mental disability.
- 4. For TRIO SSS ESL support is provided for non-native English speakers, ELA students, or students who speak a language other than English at home.

TRIO programs are federally funded under the Higher Education Act of 1965. TRIO programs help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers in higher education.