



What is TRiO?

- Funded under **Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965**, TRiO is a series of educational opportunity programs designed to help low income, first generation, and/or disabled Americans enter college. TRiO is committed to providing educational opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background or economic circumstance. TRiO programs provide academic and affective support to help students overcome the barriers to higher education.

Who is Served?

Congress mandated that two-thirds of the students served must come from low-income families where neither parent graduated from college.

- Currently, over 2,700 TRiO Programs serve nearly 873,000 low-income students/participants. The Educational Talent Search Programs serve students in grades six through twelve with the Upward Bound Program serving students in grades nine through twelve.
- Thirty-seven percent of TRiO students are Whites, 36% are African-Americans, 19% are Hispanics, 4% are Native Americans, 4% are Asian-Americans, and 2% are listed as “Other”, including multiracial students.
- Sixteen thousand students with disabilities and more than 25,000 US veterans are currently enrolled in TRiO Program (Upward Bound, UB Math/Science, SSS, Talent Search, EOC, and McNair).

How do colleges/agencies receive a TRiO grant?

Over 1,200 colleges, universities, community colleges and agencies have been awarded TRiO programs as a result of successfully completing a national competition.

Evidence of Achievement

Students in the Upward Bound program are four times more likely to earn an undergraduate degree than those students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in TRiO; nearly 20 percent of all Black and Hispanic freshmen who entered college in 1981 received assistance through the TRiO Talent Search or EOC programs; students in the TRiO Student Support Services program are more than twice as likely to remain in college than those students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in the program.

Programs at a Glance

Students enrolled in today's TRiO Programs mirror our nation's multicultural and multiethnic society.

TRiO college graduates are working in business, industry, government, medicine, law, education, communications, sales, finance, politics, transportation, publishing, law enforcement, computer science, technology, engineering, and accounting.

THE TRiO PROGRAMS

TALENT SEARCH

Talent Search programs serve young people in grades six through twelve. In addition to counseling, participants receive information about college admissions requirements, scholarships and various student financial aid programs. This early intervention program helps people from families with incomes under \$24,000 (where neither parent graduated from college) to better understand their educational opportunities and options. Over 387,604 Americans are enrolled in 471 Talent search TRiO programs.

UPWARD BOUND

Upward Bound helps young students to prepare for higher education. Participants receive instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, and science on college campuses after school, on Saturdays and during the summer. Currently, 770 programs are in operation throughout the United States.

UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE

Upward Bound Math Science helps students from low-income families to strengthen math and science skills. In addition, students learn computer technology as well as English, foreign language and study skills. Over 123 programs are serving students throughout the country.

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

Veterans Upward Bound programs provide intensive basic skills development and short-term remedial courses for military veterans to help them successfully transition to postsecondary education. Veterans learn how to secure support from available resources such as the Veterans Administration, veterans associations, and various state and local agencies that serve veterans.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Support Services helps low-income students to stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degree. Participants, who include disabled college students, receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction. Students are now being served at 938 colleges and universities nationwide.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

Educational Opportunity Centers located throughout the country primarily serve displaced or underemployed workers from families with incomes under \$24,000. These Centers help people to choose a college and a suitable financial aid program. There are 139 Educational Opportunity Centers in America serving 217,836 individuals.

RONALD E. MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement programs are designed to encourage low-income students and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching as well as prepare for doctoral study. Students who participate in this program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors. This program was named in honor of the astronaut that dies in the 1986 space-shuttle explosion. Currently there are 156 programs, serving 3,641 students.