What is TRIO?

TRIO programs have been established across the US to

make it possible for more individuals to attend, and graduate from, college. Funded by the federal government, TRIO programs provide support, services, and resources to nearly one million students nationwide.

TRIO programs are designed to serve individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, first-generation college students, and those with disabilities.

These are just some of the ways TRIO programs assist and support their participants.

TRIO programs...

- offer advice on course selection.
- provide tutoring.
- help students prepare for college entrance exams, including the ACT and SAT.
- provide academic counseling.
- offer financial and economic literacy education.
- provide information on post-secondary opportunities.
- help students fill out college applications.
- provide career counseling.
- provide information on financial aid and help completing the FAFSA.

The name TRIO refers to the three original programs: Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Student Support Services.



To review, watch this quick video.

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There are eight TRIO programs. These eight programs assist and support eligible students from middle school through college.

- Talent Search programs help students in grades 6–12 learn about their education options, graduate from high school, and enroll in college.
- Upward Bound programs assist and support students as they plan and prepare to continue their education beyond high school.
- Upward Bound Math and Science programs work to enhance the math and science skills of their participants, so they can confidently pursue a college degree—and have a career—in science, technology, engineering, and/or math.
- Student Support Services programs assist and support students in college to help them succeed in their classes and complete their postsecondary education.
- McNair Scholars programs help students who have the potential to attain an advanced degree prepare for and attend graduate school.
- Veterans Upward Bound programs help veterans develop the tools they need to apply, get accepted, and enroll in postsecondary programs.
- Educational Opportunity Centers offer information and counseling to adults in order to increase the number of adults attending college.
- Training Programs provide conferences, workshops, etc. for project directors and those employed by TRIO programs.

TRIO programs are administered and funded by the Department of Education. TRIO funds are distributed to institutions through competitive grants.