UNDERSTANDING THE FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS

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The day after Kennedy’s assassination, President Johnson agreed to move “full speed ahead” with an anti-poverty agenda. He declared an “unconditional war on poverty” in his first State of the Union address on January 8, 1964.

He signed the Economic Opportunity Act on August 30, 1964 which aimed to attack three main causes of poverty: inadequate public services, illiteracy and unemployment. Upward Bound was created to provide tutoring to high school students as well as college preparation.
TRIO History

The Higher Education Act of 1965 introduced the Educational Talent Search programs.

In 1968 Congress authorized **Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (SSS)** - designed for students in college post ETS and UB.

UB + ETS + SSS - TRIO is Born!
TRIO HISTORY

1972 - Authorized Educational Opportunity Centers (SSS)
    - Authorized Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)

1976 - Authorized Training Grants – designed for staff development and to keep personnel in compliance.

1980 - Standardized TRIO eligibility - Added First Generation College Student

1986 - Authorized Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Programs
Changed SSDS to Student Support Services

1990 - Upward Bound Math/Science authorized

1998 - Expanded Authority and Gear Up Enacted into Law

2008 - Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA)
About TRIO
Non-Racial
Non-Partisan
TRIO FUNDING HISTORY

1965
$6 Million
3,261 Students

2004
$823 Million
842,000 Students

2019
$1.09 Billion
800,000 Students
What began as 3 programs at fewer than 1,000 project sites is today 8 programs at nearly 3,000 project sites.
The federal TRIO programs provide support services and some financial assistance primarily to low-income, first-generation college students to help them succeed academically and encourage them to advance through much of the educational pipeline. The TRIO programs work together to provide a pipeline of support services from secondary school through undergraduate and graduate education.
Each of the TRIO programs is designed to serve a different target population of participants through a different level of education:

- **UB** primarily supports the college preparation of secondary students,
- **ETS** primarily supports the postsecondary enrollment of secondary students,
- **EOC** primarily supports the postsecondary enrollment of adult students,
- **SSS** primarily supports the completion of undergraduate education, and
- **McNair** primarily supports graduate school preparation for undergrads.
## TRIO PROGRAMS - OVERVIEW

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TRIO PROGRAMS – UB/UBMS/VUB

The Upward Bound (UB) program is intended to provide intensive preparation and encouragement toward success in education beyond secondary school. UB has three types of projects: Classic UB to prepare secondary school students for programs of postsecondary education, UB Math and Science Centers (UBMS) to prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science, and Veterans UB (VUB) to assist military veterans to prepare for a program of postsecondary education.
TRIO PROGRAMS – ETS

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) program also has the aim of high school completion and postsecondary enrollment. It encourages middle and high school students to enroll in college; helps students apply for student financial assistance; and encourages older individuals (if no ETS in the area) who have not completed secondary or postsecondary education to enter, or re-enter, and complete such programs.
Like UB and ETS, the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) program also supports high school completion and postsecondary enrollment. EOC provides information on financial and academic assistance available to individuals who want to pursue postsecondary education; provides assistance in applying for admission to postsecondary education and assistance in completing financial aid applications; and improves the financial and economic literacy of students.
The Student Support Services (SSS) program provides support services to college students with the aim of improving retention, transfer (two-year institutions) and graduation rates, as well as increasing financial and economic literacy. SSS programs are also intended to foster an institutional climate supportive of potentially disconnected students.
TRIO PROGRAMS – SSS

There are six types of Student Support Services (SSS) programs but they are considered special populations within SSS and are not recognized as separate programs in the law like UB/UBMS/VUB.

- SSS Regular
- SSS Disability
- SSS ESL
- SSS STEM Healthcare
- SSS Teacher Prep
- SSS Vets
The McNair program helps prepare disadvantaged undergraduate college students for subsequent doctoral study by providing research opportunities, internships, counseling, tutoring, and other preparatory activities. McNair is the only TRIO program that has eligibility around Underrepresented Minority.
C-CAMPIS

The Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program is a federal grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education to support student-parents enrolled in college. This program supports the participation of low-income student-parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care services. It was first funded in 2001. Families who meet the requirements of the CCAMPIS Grant generally receive a reduction in their monthly child care tuition.

Various application periods (last one May 2019). Watch the ED website for details.
Award Amounts and Numbers of Program Participants

Statutory provisions establish a minimum grant award for the student-serving TRIO programs, unless the applicant requests a smaller amount. Per regulations, the Secretary identifies the minimum number of participants and the minimum and maximum grant award amounts in the Federal Register notice inviting applications. *Latest SSS competition - $253,000 annually.*
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TRIO PROGRAMS - FUNDING

COMPETITION DETAIL
Project Narrative – Selection Criteria worth 100/105 points

Competitive Preference Priorities – worth a range of points (2-6)

Rank Order Funding – ED awards top down until the money runs out

Funding Band – appeals process for scoring errors
TRIO PROGRAMS - FUNDING

COMPETITION DETAIL – NOTICE OF FUNDING

The Secretary shall inform each entity operating programs under this division regarding the status of their application for continued funding at least 8 months prior to the expiration of the grant or contract.
TRIO PROGRAMS - FUNDING

BEFORE YOU WRITE...

Intentionality – Why are you seeking this grant?

Infrastructure – Do you have the set-up for federal grants?
WHAT WORKING IN TRIO MEANS

A Movement
A Mission
A Ministry

• Social Justice
• Accountable
• Advocacy
• Political
• Loving other people’s children
Questions?
Comments?