

Funding Source Information

Federal TRIO Program

Program Description

The Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes six outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college, and disabled students to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs. TRIO also includes a training program for directors and staff of TRIO projects and a dissemination partnership program to encourage the replication or adaptation of successful practices of TRIO projects at institutions and agencies that do not have TRIO grants.

Total Appropriation for Fiscal year 2002: \$780,000,000

How Funds are Distributed

Over 1,200 colleges, universities, community colleges and agencies now offer TRIO programs in America. TRIO funds are distributed to institutions through competitive grants.

TRIO Programs

- Educational Opportunity Centers
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement
- Student Support
- Talent Search
- TRIO Dissemination Partnership Program
- Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs Staff
- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound Math/Science

Education Level

As mandated by Congress, two-thirds of the students served must come from families with incomes under \$24,000, where neither parent graduated from college. Over 1,900 TRIO programs currently serve nearly 700,000 low-income Americans between the ages of 11 and 27. Many programs serve students in grades six through 12. Thirty-nine percent of TRIO students are white, 36 percent are African-American, 16 percent are Hispanic, 5 percent are Native American and 4 percent are Asian-American. Sixteen thousand TRIO students are disabled.

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