

TRiO Program at Neumann University



TRIO – Student Services Program

- TRIO-SSS is federally funded under Title IV and managed by the Department of Education.
- More than 1,000 colleges and universities offer TRIO-SSS Programs.
- TRIO-SSS funds are obtained through a 5-year grant competition.
- Neumann University's TRIO-SSS Program extends to 2020, at which time it will be up for renewal.



Neumann University's TRIO – Student Support Services Program

Neumann University's TRIO-Student Support Services (SSS) Program helps students progress each semester and develop academically and personally to graduate and achieve success. The TRIO Program's goal is to see our students remain in college, increase their GPA, and graduate with the least amount of debt possible.



Mission Statement

The TRIO program's mission mirrors that of the University – to encourage life-long learners and to educate a diverse community by sharing the gift of knowledge in serving others.



Academic Commitment to TRIO-SSS Participants

- One-on-one academic advising to help students achieve academic goals and increase their GPA;
- The possibility of earning grant aid;
- Financial literacy and financial aid counseling;
- Individual, reserved tutoring in transitional or developmental courses, math, and science;
- Career and internship counseling;
- Assistance with resume and all related career documents; and,
- Graduate/professional school counseling.

Who is Eligible for the Program?

Although not all students will qualify for the TRIO Program, those selected must be:

1. a US citizen or permanent resident eligible for federal loans or grants, and
2. academically in need of services.

Students must also be **one** or more of the following:

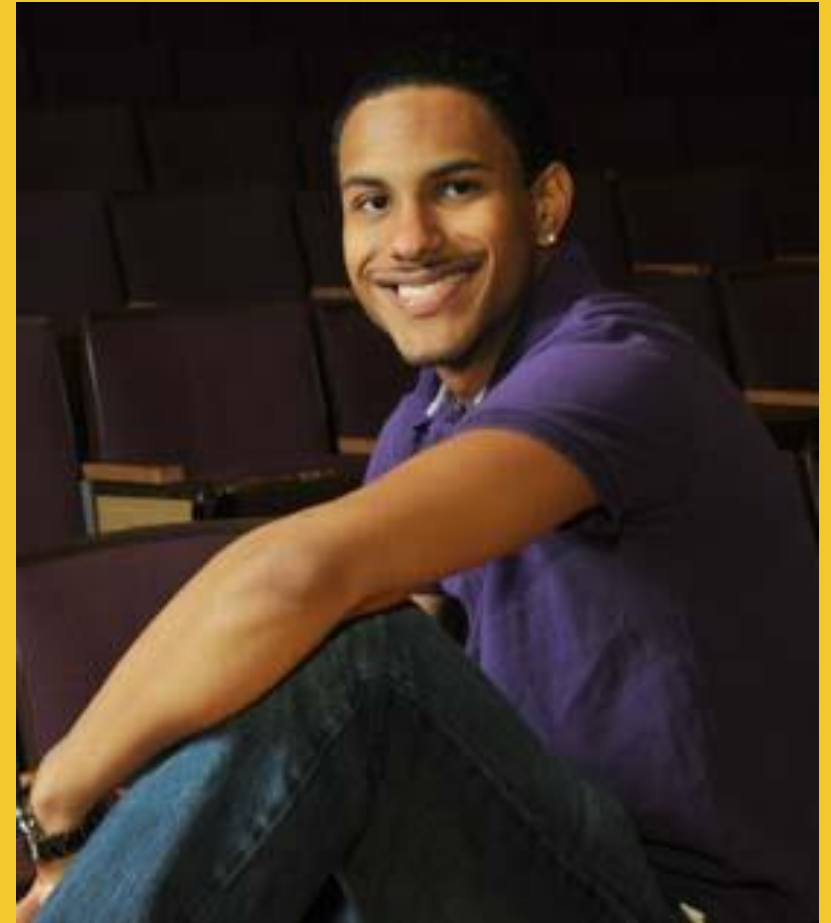
1. income eligible as defined by the US Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines;
2. the first generation in the family to attend college with neither parent nor the parent or guardian with whom you live having graduated from a four-year college or university or you are independent; and/or,
3. disabled with documentation.

Applying for the TRIO Program

The TRIO Program application can be found on the Neumann University TRIO website or in the TRIO Office in Bachmann Main Building Room 25.

In addition to a completed application, the following information is required:

1. a 2015 tax transcript or if a tax transcript is not available, a signed copy of the 2015 federal income tax return; and,
2. The student's financial aid award letter for 2016-17 academic year.



Scheduling an Interview

Once the TRIO office receives a completed application, federal tax return, and financial aid award letter, the student is contacted to set up an interview.

Students can set up an interview by:

1. going to the Neumann University TRIO website and selecting “Schedule and Interview” in the left hand side bar; or,
2. calling the TRIO Office.

Please be ready to provide some dates and times for the interview.



How Does TRIO Select Students?

1. With a limited number of acceptances, the TRIO-SSS Program staff will interview and select applicants based on eligibility criteria and the applicant's intent to fully use the program's services and to graduate.
2. The TRIO-SSS Program gives priority to:
 - Incoming freshmen and sophomores who are either income-eligible, first generation, or both and full-time;
 - Incoming freshmen and sophomores who have a documented disability.



Facts about Neumann University's TRIO Program

- Most students who join the TRIO Program remain active in the program through graduation.
- 10% of 2015-16 freshmen are members of the TRIO Program.
- 98% of TRIO freshmen are registered and returning for fall 2016.
- Students who have participated in TRIO have a:
 - 75% average 6-year graduation rate for the last two cohorts;
 - 63% average 5-year graduation rate for the last three cohorts;
 - 40% average 4-year graduation rate for the last four cohorts.
- 99% of current TRIO students are in good academic standing.
- 62% of current TRIO students have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 83% of current TRIO students have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- 51% of 2015-16 TRIO students are in STEM related majors.
(includes Nursing, Athletic Training, Computer and Information Management, Biology, Accounting, and Psychology)

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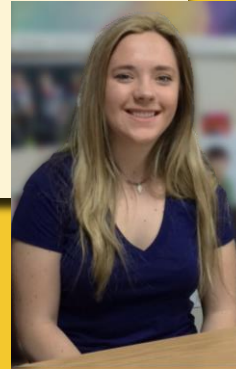
Student Recommendations

Here is what some of our students are saying about the TRIO Program:

"The TRIO Program has helped me get organized with my academic work and advised me with financial problems."
- Laila Sheriff



"TRIO is one of the greatest support systems I have at Neumann and has really helped me during my academic career."
- Nicole Mortimer



"The thing I like about TRIO is that I can stop in the office whenever I want and just talk about anything. I also like how they offer reserved tutoring in writing, math, and other courses. Another thing I like about TRIO is that they offer assistance with resume writing."
- Maryam Ahmadi



"TRIO is concerned for its students and wants to see them succeed. TRIO wants the best out of its members."
- Josiah Blodget



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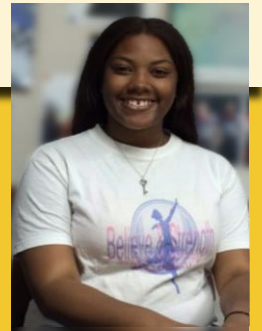
"TRIO has helped me in more ways than I could have imagined. One thing I love about the program is the great support and encouragement from everyone in the office."

- Rayanna Williams



"The TRIO Program is extremely helpful! They are always there when I need them and they offer me great guidance when I feel that I have to face things alone. They're amazing!"

- Amber Clements



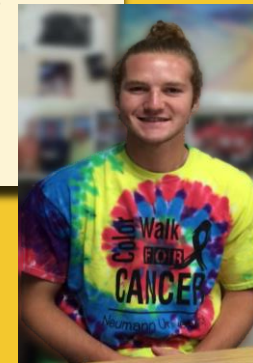
"Everyone should join TRIO. They want you to graduate in four years and will do everything in their power to help you."

- Anthony Pino



"I love the TRIO Program, because they help me fulfill my goals and the counselors are always willing to help me succeed academically."

- Josh Hendrickson



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"TRIO is a great program providing academic support. I like the fact that TRIO helps find money to pay off my bill for the end of the semester."
- Ruth Rene



"Being a part of TRIO has allowed me to grow academically and personally preparing me for my future at Neumann and for my future career as a nurse!"
- Erin Monaghan



"TRIO is a great experience that I recommend for all incoming freshmen to take. They care for you and make sure you succeed."
- Ryan Bibbs

