

How do I connect with the program?

Students can connect with the program by contacting one of the TRiO staff listed below:

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For more information gtc.edu/trio



What is TRiO?

TRIO is a set of federally funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. More than 840,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities are served by more than 2,900 TRiO programs nationally.

The TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social and cultural barriers to education in America. TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound. Then, in 1965, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (later known as Student Support Services), was launched in 1968. Together, this "trio" of federally funded programs encouraged access to higher education for low-income students. Today there are eight "TRiO" programs that assist students from 6th grade all the way through post baccalaureate degree programs.

TRiO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRiO/Student Support Services is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Education. Federal guidelines are used to establish program eligibility.



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TRiO
The Student Support
Services program
assisting students
with disabilities

The TRiO program: Here to help

The TRiO program benefits students by guiding them through the academic process. TRiO specialists will work one-on-one with students with disabilities to help them adjust to the demands of college. Tutoring and support will be provided to move students toward graduation and the potential of continuing their education at a four-year college. The TRiO specialists will work to coordinate events and activities for program participants. Some examples of these activities are:

- Assistance navigating college resources
- Tutoring services
- Financial literacy education
- Financial aid (FAFSA) assistance
- Postgraduate transfer assistance
- Grant aid for qualified students
- Strengths training for students



Am I qualified to apply?

To qualify, you must:

- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an AAS or Technical Diploma program at Gateway Technical College.
- have a documented disability.
- be a citizen of the United States or a legal permanent resident.
- have a need for support services.

Full-time and part-time students are qualified to participate.

What is the definition of a student with a disability?

The term "disability" means, with respect to an individual:

- (A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual;
- (B) a record of such an impairment; or
- (C) being regarded as having such an impairment.

Disability documentation must be verified by one of Gateway's Disability Support Service instructors in order to be eligible for the TRiO program. Please contact one of the following instructors on your campus for more information:

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Deaf /Hard of Hearing Interpreter available upon request. Contact Lisa Sadowski at sadowskil@gtc.edu or (262) 564.2564.

How do I apply?

Students need to complete a TRiO application form and attend a pre-selection interview. That form can be found at the Disability Services office at any campus or can be downloaded from gtc.edu/trio.

Need assistance completing the application?

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Applications are accepted throughout the year.

