

The Advent of TRiO Programs

In 1965, Congress began creating a series of program to help Americans overcome class and social barriers to higher education. These services geared towards low-income and first generation students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Today, they are known as the Federal TRiO Programs. Congress initially authorized most of the programs in the Higher Education Act of 1965 and subsequent amendments. After their authorization, Congress appropriated monies for the programs.

Program	Program Description	Types of Services Offered
Upward Bound (UB)	Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-round academic instruction in mathematics, laboratory sciences, composition, literature, and foreign languages. • Tutoring • Academic Advising • Mentoring • Cultural enrichment • Work-study programs • Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students
Talent Search (TS)	The Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assist participant with the postsecondary application process. Talent Search also encourages persons who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic, financial, career, or personal counseling including advice on entry or re-entry to secondary or postsecondary programs • Career exploration • Tutorial services • Information on postsecondary education • Exposure to college campuses • Information on student financial assistance • Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications • Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams • Mentoring programs • Special activities for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders • Workshops for the families of participants

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Student Support Services (SSS)	<p>Student Support Services provides opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic tutoring, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science, and other subjects • Advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection • Information on both the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications • Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy and assist students in applying for admission to graduate and professional programs • Assistance to students enrolled in two-year institutions and applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in four-year programs.
Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)	<p>Veterans Upward Bound is designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education. The program provides assessment and enhancement of basic skills through counseling, mentoring, tutoring and academic instruction in the core subject areas. The primary goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants enroll in and complete postsecondary education programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants • Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school • Academic, financial, or personal counseling • Tutorial services • Mentoring programs • Information on postsecondary education opportunities • Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications • Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams • Information on the full range of Federal Student financial aid programs and benefits • Guidance and assistance in alternative education programs for secondary school dropouts that lead to receipt of a regular secondary school diploma, entry into general education development (GED) programs or postsecondary

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Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)	Educational Opportunity Centers program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic advice • Personal/career counseling • Information on postsecondary education opportunities and student financial assistance • Help in completing applications for college admissions, testing, and financial aid • Media activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities • Tutoring • Mentoring • Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students;
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program	McNair programs prepare eligible participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential. Institutions work closely with participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements. Institutions encourage participants to enroll in graduate programs and then track their progress through to the successful completion of advanced degrees. The goal is to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for research or other scholarly activities • Summer internships • Seminars and other educational activities designed to prepare students for doctoral study • Tutoring • Academic advising • Activities designed to assist students participating in the project in securing admission to and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate programs. • Education or counseling services designed to improve financial and economic literacy of students • Mentoring programs involving faculty members at institutions of higher education
Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS)	The Upward Bound Math and Science program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure to academic programs and cultural events • Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school • Academic advising • Tutorial services • Mentoring programs • Information on postsecondary education opportunities • Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications

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