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Pre-College TRIO Programs
U.S. Department of Education

TO: Parent of Student
FROM: TRIO Educational Opportunity Center- Sandra Carmona
RE: Program Application
DATE: April 4, 2018

Dear parent,

My name is Emily Austin, and I am with the TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). You can read more about the program in the flier called “What is TRIO?” that I have included in this envelope. With your student beginning their senior year, there is a lot to think about: What will they do after they graduate? Will they enter the workforce or go to a program of higher education? How do they apply? How will they pay for it?

TRIO EOC can assist you and your student to make this process easier and as stress-free as possible. **We offer free assistance with completing college applications (including providing application fee waivers), completing the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA), and searching for and applying for scholarships.** We can even provide placement testing for free (which can be used for acceptance or scholarships). While based out of UA-Little Rock, we do not recruit for them, and are happy to assist your student wherever they decide to go. We can also help other adults in your family if anyone would like some help with the higher education process. Remember, higher education means everything from a 4-year and 2-year college, to welding, CDLs, and beauty school. We can help wherever you want to go and do.

If you are interested in having your student a part of this program, scan the QR code on the brochure attached and complete the online application. Once we get that information, we will reach out and begin offering resources and services. All information is confidential under FERPA law.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Benefits of TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) for High Schoolers



TRIO EOC is a grant-funded program from the US. Dept. of Education meant to assist Arkansans with the college process

We can provide:
application fee waivers
online test prep
free ACCUPLACER testing



We also assist with:
the FAFSA (federal aid application)
college applications
scholarship applications

We can help High School Seniors (and their parents and older siblings!) with academic and career advice, financial aid assistance, and testing help.

ALL FOR FREE



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The Federal TRIO Programs are outreach and student support services programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education and are designed to provide educational and counseling services for individuals pursuing a postsecondary education. TRIO includes seven direct service programs targeted to serve low-income, first-generation college students, veterans, and disabled individuals from middle school to a post-baccalaureate degree.

The 1972 amendments to the Higher Education Act created Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) to help adults select a postsecondary education program and obtain financial aid. In addition, EOCs provide financial and economic literacy counseling, career workshops and counseling, mentoring programs and activities for disconnected students, tutorial services, academic advice and assistance in course selection, assistance in preparing for college entrance exams, individualize personal, career, and academic counseling, GED referrals and more.

All of the services are **FREE** to eligible participants. To qualify for the program, applicants have to be at least 19 years of age (or a high school senior) and reside in Pulaski, Saline or Leno County.

EOC office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For questions or more information visit the website at www.ualr.edu/trioecets or contact us at 501-916-6403.

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Los Programas federales TRIO son programas de ayuda y de apoyo estudiantil pagados por el Departamento de Educación de EE. UU. Los programas brindan servicios de educación y consulta para los que persiguen educación después de la preparatoria. TRIO incluye siete programas que atienden a personas de bajos ingresos, estudiantes universitarios de primera generación, veteranos e individuos discapacitados desde la secundaria hasta un título de posgrado.

Las modificaciones hechas en 1972 a la Ley de educación superior crearon los centros de oportunidad educativa (Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) para ayudar a los adultos a elegir un programa de educación universitaria y obtener ayuda financiera.

Además, los EOC proveen enseñanza de conocimiento financiero, talleres y consulta de carreras, programas de mentores, actividades para estudiantes desconectados, servicios de tutoría, consejos académicos, ayuda en la selección de clases, asistencia en la preparación para los exámenes de ingreso a la universidad, consultos personalizados para asuntos académicos y profesionales, formularios para inscribirse en clases de preparación para el GED ofrecidas por asociados centros de educación y más.

Todos los servicios son **GRATIS** para los participantes elegibles. Para ser elegido, los solicitantes deben tener al menos 19 años de edad (o ser un estudiante de último año de preparatoria) y residir en los condados de Pulaski, Saline o Lonoke.

Las horas de EOC son desde las 8:00 am hasta las 5:00 pm, desde lunes a viernes. Nosotros tenemos empleados que hablan español. Si tienes dudas o quieres más información visita www.ualr.edu/trioeocets o llámanos al 501-916-3470.

¡Escanee con la cámara de su teléfono para completar nuestra solicitud EOC! Toda tu información es confidencial.

