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TRIO Student Support Services

A
place
where
students
are
our
first
priority.

The TRIO Student Support Services program at Finlandia University strives to empower 180 qualifying students to articulate and achieve their personal, educational and career goals by providing services, resources and support systems that promote retention and graduation.

TRIO Student Support Services provides academic, personal and career assistance to participants while completing their bachelor degrees. **TRIO/SSS** is funded 100% by a grant through the U.S. Department of Education. **TRIO/SSS** serves 180 students each academic year.

You are eligible for

TRIO Student Support Services if:

- your custodial parent did not complete a 4 year college degree;
and/or
- you have financial need;
and/or
- you have a physical or learning disability
and
- you have academic need.

Being a first generation college student means that neither one of your parents or the parent that you reside with, completed a four-year college or university (bachelor) degree.

Having financial need means that your individual or family taxable income meets the federal income figure for TRIO as determined by family size.

Having a disability means that you have a documented physical or learning disability that may affect your role as a student.

Academic need includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: HS or college GPA below 3.0; composite ACT score of 20 or below; earned GED; out of school 5 years or more; undeclared major or not following a college prep curriculum in H.S.

TRIO Student Support Services assists you in earning your 4-year college degree. Your success is supported by the following services:

Academic Coaching/Tutoring: Individual or group tutoring free of charge. Master and bachelor degree professional tutors are available for over 50 hours a week. Both scheduled appointments or walk ins are welcome.

One-On-One Support: One-on-one academic assistance. Our professional **TRIO** coaches guide you in identifying your strengths and challenges in being a successful college student. We will work together in designing a personal Graduation/Career Plan to achieve your academic goals for the semester or year.

Career Exploration and Assistance: Individual career development and planning is offered through college major and career interest inventories, resume building, career fair attendance and job searching.

Personal Counseling: College can be stressful, we have professionals who can assist students with personal, emotional or social issues that may interfere with your ability to reach your full potential in college.

Financial Aid Assistance: One-on-one assistance in submitting your FAFSA & responding to verification of income requests from the Department of Education. Includes an outline of federal aid programs & scholarship searching.

Financial Literacy: Assist all incoming participants in understanding financial health, creating a budget, managing credit and debt, avoiding identity theft; as well as an opportunity to apply for **TRIO/SSS** Grant Aid Scholarship to help you pay for tuition (freshman and sophomores only).

Graduate School Planning: Exploration of graduate programs in your degree area; attendance at graduate school fairs or conferences as well as application assistance, exploration and funding.

Participant Copy Service: Create professional looking papers and presentations for free. Bring in your **completed** project on a portable USB drive and we can print it out in color. Binding and laminating are also available.

You must complete an application to determine your eligibility. You must meet with your **TRIO/SSS** Coach for a Graduation/Career Plan in order to finalize your acceptance and utilize **TRIO/SSS** services.

