TRIO Rising Scholars Program Grant Aid Application

TRIO Rising Scholars Grant Aid supports freshmen and sophomore-level students by:

Improving participant retention by supplementing financial assistance for limited-income participants with unmet financial need.

Improving academic success by reducing the number of hours participants need to work.

Providing incentives for participants to make timely progress in their degree program and to successfully complete their developmental coursework.

Demonstrating support for participants who are actively using TRIO Rising Scholars Program resources to facilitate their academic success.

Eligibility Requirements

Aid is available to students with 57 or fewer cumulative credits; applications must be submitted by Friday, March 16, 2018 no later than 5:00 p.m.

In order to be competitive for TRIO Rising Scholars Grant Aid, students must:

• have been enrolled in the TRIO Rising Scholars Program for at least 1 semester;
• have received a Pell Grant for the Spring 2018 semester;
• have Unmet Financial Need - Please inquire at the Financial Aid office if you have questions regarding your eligibility;
• have earned at least a cumulative GPA of 2.25;
• be enrolled in at least 12 credits during the Spring 2018 semester;
• be in good academic standing with the TRIO Rising Scholars Program as demonstrated by the following actions:
  o Regular appointments with your TRIO Rising Scholars Advisor and Mentor;
  o Attendance at the TRIO Rising Scholars Spring and Fall Kick-Off Events, unless extenuating circumstances occurred;
  o Attendance at a minimum of two workshops or events in the Fall 2017 semester;
  o Responsible use of TRIO Rising Scholars tutoring services as recommended.
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Application due by 5:00 p.m. on March 16th, 2018

(Incomplete applications will not be considered)

Complete the following application and return to the TRIO Rising Scholars Building by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16th, 2018. Participants must meet all criteria listed on the previous page to be eligible for an award.

Printed Name: ___________________________  Student ID#: ___________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________
Semester and year of TRIO Rising Scholars Program enrollment: ___________________________
Did you receive a Federal Pell Grant for the Spring 2018 semester?  _______________________
Total credits earned to-date: ______________
Current cumulative GPA: __________________
Total credits enrolled in this semester: ___________________________
Name of TRIO Rising Scholars advisor: ___________________________
How many times did you meet with your TRIO Rising Scholars Advisor last semester? ____________
This semester thus far? ______________
How many times did you meet with your TRIO Rising Scholars Mentor last semester? ____________
This semester thus far? ______________

Essay Questions

Please submit typed responses to the following essay questions. Each essay response should be a minimum of 250 words.

1. What skills or knowledge have you gained from participating in the TRIO Rising Scholars Program? How has the program improved or impacted your academic experience?

2. Describe your level of involvement in the TRIO Rising Scholars Program. What activities or services have you utilized? In what ways have you given back to the program through your involvement?

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ___________________________