

2011-2012 TRiO/Student Support Services (SSS) Application

TRiO/Student Support Services (SSS) is a college retention and graduation program which helps students develop the academic and personal skills necessary to successfully pursue and complete a baccalaureate degree.

As affirmed in its mission, Augsburg College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, status with regard to public assistance nor disability in its educational policies and programs. Augsburg College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to its students.

TRiO/SSS is funded jointly by the United States Department of Education and Augsburg College.

Program Eligibility

Students qualify for the TRiO/SSS program by meeting at least one of the following:

- ✓ **Low-income student** (family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount, verified by Augsburg College)
- ✓ **First-generation college student** (signifies that student's custodial parent(s) did not receive a four-year baccalaureate degree, or the student did not regularly live with or receive support from custodial parents)
- ✓ **College student with documented disabilities** (as defined by the American Disabilities Act and verified by Augsburg's Center for Learning and Adaptive Student Services (CLASS) or ACCESS Center)

In addition, ALL TRiO/SSS participants must:

- ✓ Be **undergraduate students** accepted or enrolled at Augsburg College, pursuing their first baccalaureate degree
- ✓ Be **U.S. Citizens, permanent residents, or refugees**
- ✓ **Demonstrate academic need** for TRiO/SSS program services

Selection Process

When there is limited space in the TRiO/SSS program, priority will be given to:

- Students who participate in our Summer Bridge program
- Students who are both income-eligible *and* first generation college students
- Students who are both income-eligible *and* have disabilities that require educational accommodation
- Alumni of other TRiO programs: Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Center, other Student Support Services
- Students who are motivated to take full advantage of services offered through the TRiO/SSS Program

***Please note that all eligibility guidelines are subject to change based on regulations determined by the U.S. Department of Education**

**2011 – 2012 TRIO / SSS INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDE FOR
INDIVIDUALS AND PARENTS WHO HAVE FILED 2010 TAX FORMS**

DIRECTIONS: The following is a *guide* to the maximum amounts of income that a student and/or student’s parents can earn and still be eligible for TRiO/SSS. This guide is based on *TAXABLE INCOME* from the **2010** Federal Tax Forms. ***In order to verify your eligibility for the program, your signature on Page 6 of this application gives us permission to access the information you submitted to Augsburg Financial Aid.***

Total Number of Exemptions Claimed	Taxable Income 2010 Federal Tax
Form 1040A, box 6d Form 1040, box 6d	Form 1040 EZ, line 6 Form 1040A, line 27 Form 1040, line 43
*1	\$16,335
2	\$22,065
3	\$27,795
4	\$33,525
5	\$39,255
6	\$44,985
7	\$40,715
8	\$56,445
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* Indicates independent student

** Indicates families with more than 8: add \$5,730 for each additional member

IF OVER INCOME: If a student’s family income exceeds the above amounts, his/her application will be considered if neither parent has completed a 4-year (baccalaureate) degree or if the student has a documented physical or learning disability.

IF YOU OR YOUR PARENT(S) DID NOT FILE TAXES: Please indicate this on the Augsburg Aid form; TRiO/SSS staff will verify this with Augsburg Financial Aid office to determine eligibility for TRiO/SSS participation.

QUESTIONS: Please contact TRiO/SSS staff at 612-330-1311

Were you a participant of TRiO or any other college readiness program (e.g., Upward Bound, Talent Search, SSS, Admission Possible, AVID)? Y N Specify: _____

How did you hear about us? Please be specific (names of students, staff, faculty, etc)

Predominant Ethnic Background:

- ___ Black or African American
- ___ Hispanic or Latino
- ___ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ___ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ___ White
- ___ Asian
- ___ Multiracial

Gender: Male Female

Eligibility Information

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Y N Social Security #: _____

If permanent resident or refugee, enter alien registration number: _____

When you were in high school, did you qualify for Free or Reduced Price School Lunch? Y N

Most TRiO/SSS students must come from a family in which the custodial parent/guardian has not completed a four year college degree. Complete only for parent(s) or guardian(s) that you *primarily* lived with while attending high school. For other circumstances, please attach an explanation.

Who did you live with while attending high school? _____

PARENT'S EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	Father/Stepfather	Mother/Stepmother	Guardian(s)
Did he/she graduate from high school? (CIRCLE ONE in each column)	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
Did he/she attend some college? (CIRCLE ONE in each column)	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
Did he/she complete a four-year college degree? (CIRCLE ONE in each column)	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO

Check here to acknowledge that your signature at the end of this application serves as verification that your parent's college education level reported above is true and accurate.

Student Disability Status (this portion is confidential AND voluntary!)

Do you have a disability that requires academic or physical accommodations? Y N

If yes, have you contacted CLASS or ACCESS at Augsburg (circle one)? CLASS ACCESS NO

Short Answer/Essay Questions

Answers must be typed in 12-point standard font and double spaced. Note that your responses to these questions are a vital part of the selection process. Therefore, be conscious of content, presentation, and take time to formulate well written responses.

1. What have been obstacles, or what do you see as potential barriers to your academic success?
2. What skills have you learned to overcome barriers in college? Who taught you these skills or how did you learn these skills?
3. What three goals do you have for yourself as an Augsburg student and as a TRiO/SSS participant?
4. Address the following scenario: there are two equally qualified candidates applying for one remaining spot in the Augsburg TRiO program. Why are you the best candidate for this last spot?
5. Is there anything else that should be taken into consideration in evaluating your application to TRiO/SSS?

***** **Summer Bridge 2011** *****

Check here if you are interested in applying to the Summer Bridge program, and answer these additional questions. The deadline for Early Admission is Monday May 2, 2011.

In the same format used for the previous section, answer the questions below. Your answer to question 8 be a 1-2 page essay format.

6. What do you expect to learn or gain from these five weeks in Summer Bridge?
7. As a participant of the Bridge program, you are beginning your college career at Augsburg College. Living on campus, taking demanding college courses and adjusting to life away from home can be a challenging experience. Explain how you are academically and socially ready for this intensive program.
8. Describe a belief about which you feel very strongly. Describe the reasons or experiences that led you to this belief and how you approach someone who does not share this belief.

Release of Information

Most family and student information provided to TRiO/SSS is confidential and will not be released without the student's permission. TRiO/SSS would like your permission to access and release family and student information for the following reasons:

1. TRiO/SSS must report student progress and eligibility information to the U.S. Department of Education to demonstrate program effectiveness when requesting renewed funding.
2. Scholarship agencies, leadership, employment and educational programs contact TRiO/SSS to offer opportunities to participants. TRiO/SSS may release student information (grade summaries, letters of recommendation, etc.) to these entities. TRiO/SSS never sells lists of names or other student information.
3. Augsburg Financial Aid will provide us eligibility and Financial Aid Award information.
4. Academic progress monitoring with faculty and instructional support staff for the purpose of students' continued academic success and possible intervention by program staff.

I give TRiO/SSS permission to release information for the above purposes.

I verify that the all information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Student Signature

Date

Photo/Media Release

Much of our publication and marketing success is from the use of photos and videos taken of TRiO/SSS students during program events. By signing below, you give the irrevocable right to use your name, photo, or video in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for advertising, trade or any other lawful purposes, and you waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s), including written copy that may be created in connection therewith. I verify that I am at least 18 years of age*, I have read this release and am fully familiar with the contents.

Student Signature

Date

***(For applicants under 18 years of age)** I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the preceding media release statement and waive any rights in the premises.

Parent Signature (for Media Release Only)

Date