

# TRIO Student Application 2019-2020



## What is TRIO SSS?

TRIO Student Support Services empowers students to succeed at Inver Hills, graduate, transfer, and be prepared to earn a bachelor's degree to pursue their dreams. TRIO SSS provides personalized advising, transfer planning, personal and leadership development, and a supportive, academically focused community.

## What do TRIO Student Support Services students do?

TRIO students benefit from a structured program of personalized advising designed to ensure they have well-developed goals, can access the resources they need to succeed, and have opportunities to explore their passions and interests. In addition, students attend TRIO events including: workshops on study skills and strategies, school-life balance, financial literacy, transferring, and financial aid and scholarships; transfer visits to four-year colleges; and other special events designed to help them be successful and connect with other committed students. Because they put forth this extra effort, TRIO students succeed at higher rates than average.

## Who is eligible to participate in SSS?

Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, accepted to or currently enrolled at Inver Hills Community College, seeking an associate degree, and planning to transfer to complete a bachelor's degree program. Students must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Income-eligible (guidelines set by U.S. Department of Education)
- First generation (neither parent has a bachelor's degree)
- Eligible for accommodations for a disability (verified with IHCC Accessibility Resources)

## How do I join the program?

To participate in TRIO, a student must submit a TRIO SSS application, attend an intake meeting, and be invited to join. After you complete this application, TRIO SSS Staff will email you regarding next steps.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information (All information will be secured in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.)

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Demographic Information (This section is optional, for statistical purposes only, and does not affect eligibility.)

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to identify \_\_\_\_\_

## **Race/Ethnicity:** (Please check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latinx \_\_\_\_\_ Native American/Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_ Asian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Black/African-American \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

With which cultural/national/tribal background(s) (e.g. Puerto Rican, Hmong, Lakota, Irish, Persian, Somali) do you identify? \_\_\_\_\_

**Is English your primary language?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ What other language(s) do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Financial Information**

If you are required to submit parent/guardian information for FAFSA, you are considered dependent and your parent/guardian must verify income or provide tax information.

**\*Please note that income eligibility uses taxable income, which is calculated by subtracting your exemptions and deductions from your AGI (adjusted gross income).**

**For FAFSA purposes, I am considered (check one):**  Dependent **or**  Independent

\*Typically, students who are less than 24 years old, unmarried, and have no children are considered dependent.

**Please choose one method for verifying income:**

- I verify my **taxable income** is less than the relevant amount for my family size set by the Department of Education (see chart).

Student (if independent) OR Parent/Guardian Signature:

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- I authorize the TRIO SSS Staff to use my financial aid records to verify my eligibility based on income.
- I (the student) am not eligible based on income.

*Financial information and all other personal information you provide is confidential and may be accessed only by relevant Inver Hills and U.S. Department of Education staff. The information is necessary to determine if you are eligible to participate in the program and helps the U. S. Department of Education determine funding and measure program success.*

Family Size	Taxable Income
1	\$18,210
2	\$24,690
3	\$31,170
4	\$37,650
5	\$44,130
6	\$50,610
7	\$57,090
8	\$63,570
For families of more than eight, add \$6,480 for each additional family member.	

**Certification and Agreement**

I certify that all information provided, including financial and family documentation, in conjunction with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge that I have completed all necessary steps in the TRIO SSS application process:

- I have completed all parts of and signed the TRIO SSS application.
- I understand I must attend an intake appointment with TRIO SSS for my application to be considered.
- I understand that a TRIO SSS advisor will contact me regarding my admission to the program.

Student Signature

Date



**Please return completed applications to:**

Inver Hills Community College  
TRIO Student Support Services  
2500 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

**OR**

Scan and email to [trio@inverhills.edu](mailto:trio@inverhills.edu)

**TRIO Student Support Services**  
(651) 450-3831  
[trio@inverhills.edu](mailto:trio@inverhills.edu)

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