

TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

DES MOINES AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE—URBAN CAMPUS



OUR MISSION

The directive of the TRIO/Student Support Services program is to provide underrepresented student populations with the added support mechanisms needed to meet the challenges of higher education. Through the development of academic and personal skills, the program focuses on deepening critical thinking competencies, increasing student retention and promoting degree completion and transferring.

Overcoming Challenges, Moving Students *FORWARD.*

OUR SERVICES

- ▶ Academic Advising and Coaching
- ▶ Career Exploration
- ▶ College and University Visits
- ▶ Cultural and Social Engagement Events
- ▶ Financial Counseling
- ▶ HP Notebook and TI Graphic Calculator Loan Program
- ▶ Scholarship Award Competitions
- ▶ Service-Learning Activities
- ▶ Skill Development Seminars/Workshops
- ▶ Transfer Support
- ▶ Tutorial Services and Supplemental Instruction

ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Students **MUST BE** citizens or permanent residents of the United States to be eligible for TRIO/Student Support Services and meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

- ▶ First-generation college student
- ▶ Meet income guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- ▶ Possess a documented physical or learning disability

Eligible candidates **MUST ALSO MEET** the following qualifying guidelines:

- ▶ Taking a minimum of nine college-level credit hours
- ▶ Being in good academic standing
- ▶ Pursuing an Associate's degree based at the DMACC Urban Campus
- ▶ Planning to transfer to a four-year institution

Eligibility does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Only a limited number of students may receive program services, according to grant regulations.

WE ARE TRIO

TRIO began as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound. A year later, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Student Support Services, was launched in 1968. Together, this "TRIO" of federally funded programs encourages access to higher education for low-income and/or first-generation college students. Today, more than 850,000 students are served by more than 2,800 programs nationwide.

DMACC Urban Campus was awarded its first TRIO operational grant for the 1990-1991 academic year and has been funded continuously for more than two decades.

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