U.S. Department of Education Federal Program:
The TRiO Student Support Services Program is part of the Federal TRiO programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. TRiO programs were created to encourage students to pursue their education regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic background. SSS provides services that assist college students to remain in college through graduation. SSS assists participants in developing their academic potential for success in postsecondary education.

Eligibility Criteria:
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident.
- Enrolled full-time and are degree seeking on NMSU-main campus.
- A freshman, sophomore or transfer student.
- Demonstrate an Academic Need
- First generation college student (Neither parent graduated from college or university with a Bachelor’s Degree).
- Meet specific U.S. Department of Education income guidelines.
- A documented learning disability or physical disability and are registered with the Student Accessibility Services office.
TRiO SSS Mentoring

What is Mentoring?
• Peer Mentors are juniors and seniors who assist students to navigate the university system.
• Peer Mentors aid in developing and completing the students’ academic goals.
• Peer Mentors assist students to adjust to the university setting.
• Peer Mentors encourage students to participate in campus life.
• Peer Mentors assist students with scholarship applications/FAFSA.
• Peer Mentors assist students with career exploration.
• Peer Mentors assist students with Graduate/Professional School exploration.

TRiO SSS Tutoring

What about Tutoring?
• Individual and/or group tutoring is available to program participants.
• Tutors are certified by the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA).
• Tutors meet weekly with the student(s) throughout the academic semester.
• Students can attend supplemental instruction for English and Math.
• All tutors are highly qualified.
• Tutors provide academic motivation & encouragement.
• Tutors assist with seeking and utilizing campus academic resources.
• Tutors assist in developing study & problem solving skills.

TRiO Academic Success Program

• College Success Workshops
  • Financial Literacy
  • College Survival
  • Graduate School
  • Study Skills
• Assistance with Financial Aid
  • Portfolios
  • Scholarship Info
  • FAFSA
  • Deadlines
• Graduate School Prep
• Academic Advising
• Equipment Loans (laptops, hand held translators, calculators and audio recorders)
• Tickets to Cultural/educational events
• Free Testing Supplies (scantrons and blue books)
• Campus Involvement
  • Info on Campus Organizations
  • Social Networking

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