



DIRECT GRANT AID AWARD

TRIO–Student Support Services is a federally-funded grant program through the United States Department of Education. TRIO–SSS serves eligible low income, first generation and disabled students who plan to graduate from WCCCD and transfer to a four-year college or university.

TRIO-SSS is committed to the goal of closing the postsecondary education achievement gap between low-income students and higher-income students. Research shows that there is a positive effect on the persistence of disadvantaged students when institutions have a strong student support services program AND provide more financial grant aid to students. WCCCD also understands that providing additional grant aid and support services to disadvantaged students will help to increase the retention and graduation rates of these students. The goal of providing Direct Grant Aid is to help eligible TRIO-SSS participants reduce their Financial Aid Unmet Need or assist in maintaining their Student Loan burden at a manageable level, so that they are more inclined to stay in school and graduate. WCCCD has received special funds set aside specifically to provide Direct Grant Aid to eligible students participating in TRIO-SSS and may not be used for any other purpose.

TRIO-SSS consults with WCCCD Office of Financial Aid to determine the TRIO-SSS participants who are eligible and the amount of Direct Grant Aid awarded. Funds awarded to eligible students should not exceed that student's total Cost of Attendance. However, TRIO-SSS Direct Grant Aid recipients are subjected to the same refund and overpayment procedures in place for other Financial Aid recipients when it is determined that the total awards exceed the student's total Cost Of Attendance. TRIO-SSS participants must have sufficient Unmet Need (as calculated by Financial Aid) to receive a Direct Grant Aid Award. The awarding and management of the funds is still the responsibility of the WCCCD Office of Financial Aid, however, the funds cannot be awarded without the formal involvement of TRIO-SSS with respect to which students should receive the Direct Grant Aid and the amount of the Direct Grant Aid.

Direct Grant Aid is a need-based award. Students who are current TRIO-SSS participants, who are in their first 2 years of postsecondary education and who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants may qualify for a Direct Grant Aid award. TRIO-SSS participants who have completed their first 2 years of postsecondary education and who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants may also qualify if it is demonstrated that these students are at high risk of dropping out and the needs of all its eligible first and second year TRIO-SSS participants have been met.

TRIO-SSS participants selected to receive a Direct Grant Aid Award will not be awarded the funds until after final grades are posted at the end of the academic semester. TRIO-SSS participants may only receive Direct Grant Aid for one semester per academic year.

The following pages outline requirements for eligible TRIO-SSS participants to qualify for a Direct Grant Aid award.

The information below outlines how eligible TRIO-SSS participants may qualify for a Direct Grant Aid award from TRIO-SSS.

- Must be accepted as a TRIO-SSS participant.
- Must have completed one semester of active participation in TRIO-SSS.
- Please complete **Section I** on the next page and consult with a TRIO-SSS staff member for further directions.
- Visit TRIO-SSS (room #210) in the Downtown Campus or contact us at the following for information and assistance:

TRIO-Student Support Services

Wayne County Community College District

801 West Fort Street

Detroit, MI 48226-3010

Phone: (313) 496-2634

Fax: 313- 962-1643

Email: triostudentsupport@mail.wcccd.edu

- Please follow the instructions provided by TRIO-SSS staff regarding which services you may be required to complete and submit found by [clicking on the link](#) below:

[SPRING 2019 Direct Grant Aid Application - Required Services](#)

Please note:

Applicants must currently be receiving a PELL grant to be considered for a Direct Grant Aid Award.

Direct Grant Aid Awards shall not exceed the maximum appropriate PELL grant or, be less than the minimum appropriate PELL grant.

Applicants must currently have sufficient Unmet Need or Student Loans in order to receive a Direct Grant Aid Award.

Direct Grant Aid Awards are semester based and are in part calculated by the applicants Financial Aid semester budget.

Determination of individual Direct Grant Aid Awards is a Financial Aid Process.

Direct Grant Aid Awards are disbursed after final grades for the academic term have been posted.

Deadline:

The completed application packet including all documentation must be submitted to TRIO-SSS **by 3:00PM Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to qualify for the SPRING 2019 Direct Grant Aid Award.**

SECTION I - TRIO-SSS DIRECT GRANT AID REQUIREMENTS

Student Information:

Last Name*	First Name*
A00* _____	Birth Date* ____ / ____ / ____
Email* _____@mail.wcccd.edu	Phone #* (____) _____ - _____

Mailing Information:

House/Apt#*	Street*
City*	State* Zip Code*

Academic Information:

Major/Concentration/ Program of Intent:			
Credential (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate of General Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Applied Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate
Primary Location (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Downriver Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Western Campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Campus <input type="checkbox"/> University Center

How many academic semesters have you completed since joining TRIO-SSS?

0 1 2 3 4 or more

How many meetings have you had with a TRIO-SSS Transfer Coordinator since the beginning of this semester?

0 1 2 3 4 or more

SECTION II - THIS AREA WILL BE COMPLETED BY TRIO-SSS STAFF

Semester Cost of Attendance: _____

LASSI: _____

Semester Pell Grant Award: _____

INCLASS: _____

Semester Unmet Need: _____

Holland SDS: _____

Semester Credits Attempted: _____

Academic Tutoring: _____

Semester Credit Completed: _____

Academic Advising: _____

Semester GPA: _____

Economic Literacy: _____

CumulativeCredits Attempted: _____

Info. Federal Student Aid: _____

Cumulative Credit Completed: _____

Asst. Federal Student Aid: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Transfer Assistance: _____

Date Joined TRIO-SSS: _____

Direct Grant Aid Award: _____

TRIO-SSS Credit Completed: _____

Email Notification: _____

TRIO-SSS Cumulative GPA: _____

Disbursement Receipt: _____