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Wayne County Community College District is proud to participate in TRIO–Student Support Services program, a federally funded grant program sponsored by the United States Department of Education. The goal of TRIO–SSS is to increase the college’s retention and graduation rates of its participants and help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next. To meet that goal TRIO–SSS provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students to complete their postsecondary education. The mission of TRIO–SSS is to foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first generation college students and individuals with disabilities.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

TRIO–SSS’ purpose is to assist student groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, students at a high risk of dropping out, and students with disabilities.

TRIO–SSS increases student success by providing the following services to eligible participants:

- (1) Academic Tutoring to enable students to complete postsecondary courses.
- (2) Academic Advisement and assistance in postsecondary course selection.
- (3) Educational and counseling designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students, including financial planning for postsecondary education.
- (4) Providing information and awareness about the application process for Federal Student Aid.
- (5) Assistance in completing financial aid applications, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Information on both the full range of Federal student financial aid programs and benefits (including Federal Pell Grant awards and loan forgiveness) and resources for locating public and private scholarships.
- (6) Transfer Activities designed to assist students enrolled in two-year institutions of higher education in applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in, a four-year program of postsecondary education.

STUDENT BENEFITS

TRIO–SSS provides information and activities designed to acquaint eligible participants with a range of educational and career options. TRIO–SSS empowers students through direct benefits:

- (1) Increase college retention and graduation rates for eligible students.
- (2) Increase the transfer rates of eligible students from 2-year institutions to 4-year institutions.
- (3) Assign Transfer Coordinators to provide individual assistance with academic and career goals.
- (4) Provide exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to disadvantaged students.
- (5) Improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students, including basic personal income, household money management, and financial planning skills; and basic economic decision making skills.
- (6) Assist in providing sufficient financial assistance to meet the full financial need of each student in the project.
- (7) Assist in maintaining the loan burden of each such student at a manageable level.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you meet all of the following requirements you may be eligible to participate in **TRIO–Student Support Services** at WCCCD:

- Be a citizen or national of the United States (or meet the residency requirements for Federal Student Financial Assistance).
- Be currently enrolled at WCCCD (or accepted for enrollment in the next academic term at WCCCD).
- Be a first generation* college student.
- Be a low-income* college student.
- Have an academic need* which requires support in order to pursue successfully a postsecondary educational program.

OR

- Be a college student with disabilities*.

Please contact program personnel to confirm if you are eligible to participate in TRIO–Student Support Services at WCCCD.

*Definitions – Please contact program personnel for details.

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is a federally-funded grant
program through the United States
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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.*