

## TRiO/Student Support Services (SSS) Application

Established in 2001, Augsburg TRiO/Student Support Services (SSS) is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and Augsburg College. The Minnesota Department of Education Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides additional funding for Summer Bridge. Augsburg TRiO/SSS annually provides individual and group services to 160 students so that they develop the skills and motivation necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree.

TRiO/SSS serves all program participants regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or age.

**TRiO/SSS is not a scholarship program!** However, a limited number of active participants may qualify and receive a program-based scholarship contingent on annual funding.

Students participate in TRiO/SSS throughout their enrollment at Augsburg College. **It is expected that program participants meet with their TRiO/SSS advisor or engage in other activities at least once per month.**

### Program Eligibility

Augsburg TRiO/SSS **participants must be U. S. citizens or permanent residents or refugees pursuing their first bachelor's degree.** Participants must be **incoming or currently enrolled Augsburg College students.** Program participants must **demonstrate academic need for services and meet at least one of the following criteria:**

- Low-income student: a student whose family meets federal income eligibility guidelines as verified by Augsburg College (please see Income Eligibility Guidelines Chart at:
- First generation college student: a student where neither (custodial) parent has received a bachelor's degree or a student who did not regularly live with or receive support from a (custodial) parent
- College student with document disabilities: as defined in the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and verified by either the Augsburg Center for Learning and Adaptive Services (CLASS) office or the Augsburg ACCESS Center

### Selection Process

When there is limited space in the TRiO/SSS program, priority will be given to:

- Students who participate in our Summer Bridge program
- Students who are both income-eligible *and* first generation college students
- Students who are both income-eligible *and* have disabilities that require educational accommodation
- Alumni of other TRiO programs: Upward Bound, (Educational) Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Center, or other Student Support Services programs
- Students who are motivated to take full advantage of services offered through the TRiO/SSS program

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### Contact Information

Last	First	Middle
Permanent Address	Street/Apt #	City/State
		Zip Code
Augsburg Email Address	Other Email Address	
( ) -	Home Cell	( ) - Home Cell
Primary Contact Number	Secondary Contact Number	
What is the best way to contact you? <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone		

### Educational and Demographic Information

Augsburg College ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: ☐ Day ☐ WEC/AFA

Grade Level at Augsburg College: ☐ First Year ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

First term at Augsburg: ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer1 ☐ Summer2 YR: \_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: ☐ High School Diploma ☐ G.E.D. ☐ Out of school more than 5 years

Transfer student from (which institution[s]) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received or do you anticipate receiving college credit for PSEO/AP/College in the Schools or other means?

☐ Y ☐ N If yes, specify coursework: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a participant of TRiO or any other college readiness program (e.g., Upward Bound, Talent Search, SSS, (Admission) College Possible, AVID)?

☐ Y ☐ N Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? Please be specific (names of students, staff, faculty, etc.)

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### Ethnic and Racial Background (check all that apply)

Do you identify as Hispanic/Latino in ethnicity? \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N

\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaskan Native

\_\_\_\_ Asian

\_\_\_\_ Black or African American

\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Which best describes you? \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

### Program Eligibility Information

Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

If permanent resident or refugee, enter alien registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

When you were in high school, did you qualify for Free or Reduced Price School Lunch? \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N

Most TRiO/SSS students must come from a family in which the custodial parent/guardian has not completed a four year college degree. Complete only for parent(s) or guardian(s) that you **primarily** lived with while attending high school. For other circumstances, please attach an explanation.

Who did you live with while attending high school? \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	Father/Stepfather	Mother/Stepmother	Guardian(s)
Did he/she graduate from high school? (CHECK ONE in each column)	____ YES ____ NO	____ YES ____ NO	____ YES ____ NO
Did he/she attend some college? (CHECK ONE in each column)	____ YES ____ NO	____ YES ____ NO	____ YES ____ NO
Did he/she complete a four-year college degree? (CHECK ONE in each column)	____ YES ____ NO	____ YES ____ NO	____ YES ____ NO

☐ Check here to acknowledge that your signature at the end of this application serves as verification that your parent's college education level reported above is true and accurate.

### Student Disability Status (this information is confidential AND voluntary, however it will help us assist you better)

Do you have a disability that requires academic or physical accommodations? \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N

If yes, have you contacted Disability Services (CLASS) at Augsburg? \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N

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### Short Answer and Essay Questions

Although your responses will not be judged on structure, be conscious of content, presentation, and take time to formulate well-written responses, as they are a vital part of the selection process and will help us determine whether you are a good candidate for the TRiO/SSS program.

Answers must be typed in 12-point standard font and double-spaced. Note that your responses to these questions are a **vital** part of the selection process.

1. What have been obstacles, or what do you see as potential barriers to your academic success?
2. What skills have you learned to overcome barriers in college? Who taught you these skills or how did you learn these skills?
3. What three goals do you have for yourself as an Augsburg student and as a TRiO/SSS participant?
4. Address the following scenario: there are two equally qualified candidates applying for one remaining spot in the Augsburg TRiO/SSS program. Why are you the best candidate for this last spot?
5. Is there anything else that should be taken into consideration in evaluating your application to TRiO/SSS?

### \*\*\* Summer Bridge Applicants Only \*\*\*

**Students interested in applying to the Summer Bridge program must answer these additional questions. The deadline for Early Admission is Friday, May 1, 2015.**

In the same format used for the previous section, answer the questions below. Your answer to question 8 should be in a 1-2 page essay format.

6. What do you expect to learn or gain from these five weeks in Summer Bridge?
7. As a participant of the Bridge program, you are beginning your college career at Augsburg College. Living on campus, taking demanding college courses and adjusting to life away from home can be a challenging experience. Explain how you are academically and socially ready for this intensive program.
8. Describe a belief about which you feel very strongly. Describe the reasons or experiences that led you to this belief and how you approach someone who does not share this belief.
9. Have you taken a college-level public speaking course for credit? \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N
  - a. If "yes," at which institution? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Program Release of Information

Most family and student information provided to TRiO/SSS is confidential and will not be released without the student's permission. TRiO/SSS would like your permission to access and release family and student information for the following reasons:

1. TRiO/SSS must report student progress and eligibility information to the U.S. Department of Education to demonstrate program effectiveness when requesting renewed funding.
2. Scholarship agencies, leadership, employment and educational programs contact TRiO/SSS to offer opportunities to participants. TRiO/SSS may release student information (grade summaries, letters of recommendation, etc.) to these entities. TRiO/SSS never sells lists of names or other student information.
3. Augsburg Financial Aid will provide us eligibility and Financial Aid Award information.
4. Academic progress monitoring with faculty and instructional support staff for the purpose of students' continued academic success and possible intervention by program staff.

I give TRiO/SSS permission to release information for the above purposes.

I verify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate.

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Student Signature

Date

### Program Photo/Media Release

Much of our publication and marketing success is from the use of photos and videos taken of TRiO/SSS students during program events. By signing below, you give the irrevocable right to use your name, photo, or video in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for advertising, trade or any other lawful purposes, and you waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s), including written copy that may be created in connection therewith. I verify that I am at least 18 years of age\*, I have read this release and am fully familiar with the contents.

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Student Signature

Date

**\*(For applicants under 18 years of age)** I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the preceding media release statement and waive any rights in the premises.

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Parent Signature (for Media Release Only)

Date

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### Income (Tax) Statement Form

If you **were required** to report your parent(s)/guardian(s) income information when completing the 2015-2016 FAFSA, **complete just Section A**. If you were **not required** to report your parent(s)/guardian(s) income information when completing the 2015-2016 FAFSA, **complete just Section B**.

Please use completed IRS Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (not state tax forms) to answer the questions below.

#### A. Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

1. Number of Exemptions Claimed (line 6d of IRS Form1040 or 1040A)\*: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Taxable Income (line 43 of IRS Form 1040, line 27 of 1040A, or line 6 of 1040EZ): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- ☐ I did not file 2014 federal income taxes

I verify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### B. Student

1. Number of Exemptions Claimed (line 6d of IRS Form1040 or 1040A)\*: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Taxable Income (line 43 of IRS Form 1040, line 27 of 1040A, or line 6 of 1040EZ): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- ☐ I did not file 2014 federal income taxes

I verify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*If you completed IRS Form 1040EZ and didn't check either box on line 5, enter 1 if you are single, or 2 if you are married. If you checked either the "you" or "spouse" box on line 5, use the 1040EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions.*

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#### For TRiO/SSS Office Use Only

- ☐ Dependent Student (as determined by SFS/PowerFAIDS)      ☐ Independent Student (as determined by SFS/PowerFAIDS)