

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Established in 2001, Augsburg TRIO/Student Support Services (SSS) is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and Augsburg University. 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 for and receive a program scholarship contingent on annual funding.

Students participate in TRIO/SSS throughout their enrollment at Augsburg University. **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 University 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 University and program director (see Income Eligibility Guidelines Chart at: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>)
- 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 the Augsburg Center for Learning and Accessible Student Services (CLASS)/Disability Resources office

Selection Process

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

- Students who participate in the 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

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? ☐ Email ☐ Phone (voicemail)

Educational and Demographic Information

Augsburg University ID #: _____ Program: ☐ Day ☐ AU

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

First term at Augsburg: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: 20__

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

Transfer student from (which institution[s]) _____

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

☐ Y ☐ N Specify: _____

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

Ethnic and Racial Background (check all that apply)

Do you identify as Hispanic/Latinx 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 ____ Prefer not to respond

Program Eligibility Information

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ____ Y ____ N

Are you a Permanent Resident or Refugee? ____ Y ____ N

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

The following information is private AND voluntary, and will assist us in determining your eligibility for TRIO/SSS. If you disclose this information here, we will forward it to Augsburg University CLASS/ Disability Resources Office. They will contact you to request documentation materials.

Do you have a documented disability? (Examples of disabilities include ADHD, learning disabilities, mental health conditions, and physical/sensory disabilities) ____ Y ____ N

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.

1. TRIO/SSS works with students to address academic, social/personal, and financial concerns as they progress toward graduation. What challenges have you experienced in these areas that presented a barrier to your academic success up to now? How did you address those barriers and how will you address them during college?
2. In addition to graduating from the University, what other goals do you have for yourself as an Augsburg student and as a TRIO/SSS participant and why? How do you anticipate TRIO/SSS will help you achieve those goals?
3. What are your career goals after Augsburg graduation and why? Discuss your 2 year, 5 year, and 10 year post-graduation plans as you pursue these career goals.
4. Describe a belief about which you feel very strongly. Describe the reasons or experiences that led you to this point of view and how you approach someone who does not share your view.
5. TRIO/SSS selection tends to be very competitive among many deserving first generation, low income candidates. If you were applying for the one remaining spot in the TRIO/SSS program why should we choose you? Is there anything else that should be taken into consideration in evaluating your application?

Program Release of Information

Most student information provided to TRIO/SSS is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and will not be released without the student's written 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 academic progress and eligibility information to the U.S. Department of Education to demonstrate program effectiveness when requesting renewed funding.
2. Scholarship agencies, leadership, internship, 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 Student Financial Services 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.

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.

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.

Parent Signature (for Media Release Only)

Date