



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

# TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES APPLICATION

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is a college retention and graduation program, which helps students develop the academic skills and personal development necessary to successfully pursue and complete a college degree. We currently have two TRIO - SSS programs - "Classic" and "STEM" (for those in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math majors including pre-health and Public Health Studies). Students accepted into the TRIO SSS program will be a part of the program until they graduate from Portland State.

To qualify, students must be income eligible, first generation college students (neither parent has a bachelor's degree) and/or have a documented disability. In addition, students must also demonstrate academic need. We only have limited spaces each academic year, so please turn in your completed application as soon as possible.

Who referred you to TRIO Student Support Services? \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility

Eligible students must be:

- be a United States citizen or permanent resident AND
- low income student - check the table [income levels](#) OR
- first generation college student OR
- individual with disabilities as defined by ADA Amendments Act of 2008

All applicants to our program must:

1. be undergraduate students who are **admitted full-time** to Portland State University (enrolled in 12 credits or more per term). Can be co-enrolled with certain Oregon community colleges and Clark College. check for more information on [co-admission](#).
2. **have fewer than 135 college credits or have two or more years remaining until graduation**
3. **demonstrate academic need**
  - successful applicants need to have a **2.5 or higher college grade point average** OR
  - first term Freshman students need to have a **2.5 or higher high school grade point average**
  - other examples of "academic need" may be working 20+ hours a week, family responsibilities or lack of English Language Proficiency

## **Selection Process:**

### **When there is limited space in the TRIO Student Support Services, priority will be given to:**

- Students who are both low income eligible *and* first-generation college students.
- Students who are both low income eligible *and* have disabilities who require educational accommodation.
- Alumni of other TRIO programs, Upward Bound, Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Center, and Student Support Services from other institutions.
- Most importantly, students who are motivated to make full use of our program's services and to become a successful Portland State graduate. *It is expected that participants meet with a SSS advisor at least once a term.*

## Step 1: Please answer these questions about yourself.

### Confidentiality of Information

Financial information and all other personal information you give to the TRIO Student Support Services program is sent to the United States Department of Education and is protected by the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act. No one may see the information unless they work for Portland State University, TRIO Student Support Services, or if you specifically authorize them to see the information. The information is necessary to determine if you are eligible to participate in the program and helps us to measure your success. The United States Department of Education has access to this information to help make TRIO Student Support Services a better program.

Legal First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

PSU Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

PSU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent Address

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

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### What is your current class standing?

Freshman 0 to 44 credits

Sophomore 45 to 89 credits

Junior 90 to 134 credits

Senior 135+ credits

Major: Major 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Major 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Major 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check all that apply:**

High School diploma       G.E.D.       Out of school for more than 5 years

Transfer student from: \_\_\_\_\_

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Were you a part of another TRIO program such as Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, and/or Educational Opportunity Center?  Yes  No

May we have your permission to contact your other TRIO program to ask for your “last date of service” with them?  Yes  No

If yes, please tell us the name of the school and TRIO program: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you a US Citizen?**  Yes  No - If permanent resident or refugee, attach a copy of your Resident/Refugee/Alien card to this application.

## As defined by the United States Department of Education, required for our reporting purposes.

### Ethnicity:

Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent? Hispanic or Latino refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish cultures or origin regardless of race. Yes No

### Race: Please mark all that apply.

**American Indian or Alaskan Native** – refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian** – refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, SE Asia, and the Indian subcontinent. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, and the Philippine Islands.

**Black/African-American** - refers to a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander** – refers to a person having origins in any of the original people of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**White** – refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

### Student Disability Status:

A. Do you have a disability that requires academic accommodations? Yes No

B. Are you enrolled with Portland State’s Disabilities Resource Center to receive accommodations? Yes No

C. If yes, do we have your permission to contact the Disabilities Resource Center to verify your enrollment? Yes No

## Step 2: Please answer questions about your parent(s) and yourself

A. Has either parent/guardian (biological or adoptive) received a baccalaureate degree? Yes No

B. Prior to the age of 18, did you regularly reside and receive support from **only** one parent who did not have a baccalaureate degree? Yes No



**Step 4: Do not skip this section. You will need your tax information to answer this section. This must be answered by either the student or by your parents/guardians.**

You must answer the following questions about yourself if you are at least 24 years old OR you answered “Yes” to any of the questions in Step 3.

If you are less than 24 years old AND you answered “No” to all the questions in Step 3, please have your parents/guardians answer the following questions about themselves.

A. List the total number of persons, including you, in your household. \_\_\_\_\_

To determine your household size, include:

- yourself (and if married, your spouse);
- the number of children (even if they do not live with you) who will receive more than half of their support (Support includes money, housing, food, clothes, medical and dental care, gifts, loans, payment of college costs, etc.) from you (and if married, your spouse) between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. You may include any unborn children if they will be born during the school year; and
- the number of people (not your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, and will continue to receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

B. What was your TAXABLE (not total) INCOME from the last calendar year (2021)?  
MARK ONLY ONE BOX and if asked, provide the income amount.

My family’s taxable income from the last calendar year was this amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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Taxable income can be found on the federal income tax return. On Internal Revenue Service Form 1040, see line 15.

My family did not file a federal income tax return for 2021. My family’s total income from 2021 was this amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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My family had no taxable income during the last calendar year (2021)

## Step 5: Attach your unofficial college transcripts if any, including transcripts from Portland State.

Follow these steps on how to print your Portland State unofficial college transcripts. TRIO Student Support Services will retrieve high school transcripts for freshmen with minimal or no college credits.

1. Type banweb.pdx.edu
2. Enter your ODIN Username and password, then click 'Sign In'
3. Click on the 'Student Services' tab
4. Under the Academic Records section, click on 'View Unofficial Academic Transcripts'
5. Click 'Submit'
6. Right click your mouse & choose 'Print' to print your unofficial academic transcripts

## Step 6: Personal Essay. Please type and attach a short essay.

No longer than 1 page, please share a little bit about yourself such as your education goals, possible challenges in your academic journey, and how you think we can support you.

## Step 7: Federal regulations require that all participants in TRIO Student Support Services demonstrate academic need for program services.

Need Assessment Survey - Please indicate the importance of each service for you during the next year of your academic career

### Academic Need

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Improving my writing skills				
Improving my Math skills				
Help passing required science classes (I'm not good at Science)				
Help with computer skills				
Find out if I have a disability				
Help with my disability				

## Study Skills

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Learning to manage my time better				
Learning to take tests better				
Learning to take notes better				
Learning to manage stress better				
Learning to use the library better				

## Educational Planning

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Decide on a major				
Raise my GPA				
Understanding the requirements for graduation				
Understanding my major requirements				
Understanding the requirements for being admitted to my major				
Graduate within _____ years				

## Career Planning

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Identifying careers that match my abilities and interests				
Learning about the educational requirements, availability, and income for various careers.				
Learning how to create a better resume				
Learning how to better my interviewing skills				
Get hands on experience with a career/Job				

## Graduate/Professional School

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Find out more about what Grad or Professional school (Ex. medical, dental, law, pharmacy)is and if it is right for me				
Selecting a graduate/professional school that matches my interests				
Learn more about how I get into a graduate/professional school				
Preparing everything necessary for an application				

**Social/Personal**

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Learning how to handle pressure from friends, family, instructors, or myself				
Learning how to communicate better with instructors				
Feeling more a part of the campus. Meeting more people on campus				
Setting goals for the future				

**Financial**

	<b>Not Important = 0</b>	<b>Not Very Important = 1</b>	<b>Somewhat Important = 2</b>	<b>Extremely Important = 3</b>
Help finding and applying for scholarships				
Help applying/reapplying for Financial Aid including work study				
Help with understand student loan; example reducing loan debt, repayment				

Do you have a need not listed above? \_\_\_\_\_

If accepted into the TRIO Student Support Services program, our expectations of you as a student are:

- To meet with a Student Support Services adviser before the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of each term.
- To be an active participant in our program’s sponsored workshops/events
- To read and respond accordingly to our emails sent to your @pdx.edu email address.
- To be invested in your education
- To graduated!

In an effort to support your academic success, students who do not check-in with a program advisor before the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> week of each term, excluding summer, will receive a registration hold. **Student’s initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the following statement and then sign and date on the next page.**

If you (the student) are less than 24 years old and answered NO to all the questions in Step 3, your parents or legal guardian must **also** read the following statement and then sign and date below it. By signing this application, I attest that all information on this application is true and I **understand the expectations of the TRIO Student Support Services program.**

I also give my permission to access and release family and student information for the following reasons:

1. TRIO Student Support Services must report student progress and eligibility information to the United States Department of Education to demonstrate program effectiveness when requesting renewed funding.
2. At the student's request to be a reference for employment, scholarship or internship opportunities.
3. Transfer college admission, graduate schools and financial aid offices will waive application fees for students from certain economic backgrounds and will discuss admission and financial aid opportunities with TRIO Student Support Services staff only if we have permission to release student information.
4. Portland State University's Office of Financial Aid will provide us eligibility information and Financial Aid Award information with your permission.
5. Academic progress monitoring with faculty and instructional support staff for the purpose of the student's continued academic success and possible intervention by program staff.
6. Record my likeness or voice on video, audio, photographic, digital, electronic or any medium and use my name with these recordings on the university's website or other social media posting that they deem appropriate. Example, the TRIO Student Support Services website and other promotional material unless revoked by me in writing and will be included in my student file.

Student's signature:

Date:

Signature of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian:

Date:

**We are offering our incoming TRIO - SSS Freshmen students an opportunity to earn 3 FREE college credits. If interested, please continue to the next page.**

# Summer Bridge: A Class for New Fall Freshmen

## Course Description

The Summer Bridge class will help you ease into college life by assisting you in connecting to resources and services available to you at Portland State University; exposing you to the college classroom, faculty and staff; hearing from students about their experiences; and engaging in discussions and writing - key elements to success at the post-secondary level. In addition, you will be expected to write daily about your life, your experiences and the course material. Our goal is to provide you with an experience that prepares you for entering Portland State University in the fall. By getting a head start on your college experience, you will earn

**3 FREE college credits.**

Deadline to Apply: Priority deadline on **Sunday, May 15, 2022 by 10 pm**

Final deadline on **Tuesday, May 31, 2022 by 5pm**

## Class Dates and Times

Our Summer Bridge class will be taught via a hybrid format. Students are expected to attend ALL class days. Missing classes may impact the grade for the class. What does this mean for participants? Students will be required to be present for the in-person class and on Zoom during the remote days.

Class Times: **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time.**

### Class In Person Dates:

- Week 1: **July 18th, 20th and 22nd**
- Week 2: **July 25th, 27th and 29th**

### Class Zoom Dates:

- Week 1: **July 19th and 21st**
- Week 2: **July 26th and 28th**

## Comments from previous Summer Bridge students about their experience:

*I feel more comfortable and less scared of college.*

*It was a great opportunity to visit many of the resources on campus. I feel that now I'm able to navigate my way around campus much easier and am well aware of what is provided to me.*

*I loved how it gave me the opportunity to meet new people. Also, I got to know a lot of very useful resources on campus.*

Please contact Rosalyn Taylor if you have Summer Bridge questions at 503-725-3817 or [taylorr@pdx.edu](mailto:taylorr@pdx.edu)

**The application stops here.  
Email your completed application with essay and  
transcripts to [trioss@pdx.edu](mailto:trioss@pdx.edu)**

**For TRIO Student Support Services office use only:**

1. Do we admit to the TRIO Student Support Services program? **YES** **NO**

2. If the student is NOT admitted, circle one or more reasons.

**Lack of academic need** **Inappropriate for services** **Other**

3. If the student IS admitted, circle their federal eligibility?

**low income** **first generation** **disability**

4. What is the student's academic need?

**Low HS GPA** **Low SATV/M**

**Low College GPA** **Predictive Indicators**

5. Which grant? **Classic** **STEM**

6. Who is the assigned TRIO Student Support Services advisor?

Signature of Director:

Date of Acceptance: