



# TRIO Student Support Services Application

Central Arizona College  
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Click to checkmark boxes and to write in fill in areas

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ CAC Student ID#: 880- \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Street

City State Zip Code City State Zip Code

Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

CAC Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @stu.centralaz.edu  
Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you live on campus what is your CAC Mailbox Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States citizen:  Yes  No

If not a United States citizen please indicate your immigration status: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?  Yes  No

Are you currently a full-time student?  Yes  No

- Ethnic Background:
- African-American or Black
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - White

### Education:

_____ High School Diploma	_____ High School Graduation Date
_____ High School G.P.A	_____ High School Attended
_____ GED	_____ Date GED Completed

**What is your current student status?**

- 1<sup>st</sup> year student, have never attended before.
- 1<sup>st</sup> year student, have attended college previously.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year student with 30 or more credits (sophomore status).

Or,

- I already have a certificate, degree (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate) from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.

**What is the highest level of education your parents completed?**

**Father/Guardian:**

- Elementary
- H.S. Diploma
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree

**Mother/Guardian:**

- Elementary
- H.S. Diploma
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree

**Were you living with your natural father and/or mother or an adoptive parent prior to your 18th birthday?**  Yes  No

**How did you hear about this program?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently enrolled at CAC?**  Yes  No

**Do you know what major/career path you want to pursue?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please tell us your program of study/major/career path.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you plan to transfer to a University?**  Yes  No

**TRIO Student Support Services provides many services to participants, all with the goal of helping you, the student, attain success here at Central Arizona College. All services and activities are open to all TRIO participants. Please indicate the services and/or activities in which you may be interested:**

- Tutoring Assistance
  - Math
  - Reading/Writing
- TRIO Scholarship Opportunity
- Cultural Activities (trips to in-state universities, theater productions, and places of interest)
- Study Skills Workshop
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Career Counseling/Student Employment

Central Arizona College offers a wide range of comprehensive services to students with a documented disability. If you believe you would qualify for disability students and would like more information, please indicate below.

- Yes I would like more information on Disability Student Services.
- No I am not interested in Disability Student Services at this time.

Do you have a need for assistance with learning English or do you believe your difficulty with spoken and written English may hinder your success at Central Arizona College?

- Yes  No

**Income Status:**

How many family members live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your family's yearly taxable household income? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving financial aid?  Yes  No

If no, why?  Have not applied  Not eligible

**STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND CONSENT:**

I authorize the TRIO Student Support Services program at Central Arizona College to review my admissions application, placement scores, academic record, demographic information, financial aid reports, transcripts and grade point average to determine my eligibility, and provide me with services which will contribute to my success at Central Arizona College. I understand that data collected, plus the information I provide on this form will remain confidential, and will be used for grant reporting to the United States Department of Education.

I understand and authorize TRIO Student Support Services staff to request and share confidential information with the Disability Student Services program as well as information related to violations and/or compliance with Central Arizona College's Student Code of Conduct.

I authorize TRIO Student Support Services to apply for graduation on my behalf, and I understand that should I fail to pay graduation fees, a hold may be placed on my account at Central Arizona College. I am aware of the fact that such hold will prevent me from conducting certain business with the college, which may include the ability to access my Central Arizona College transcripts. I authorize TRIO Student Support Services to obtain tracking information for required reporting to the United States Department of Education from the National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker service. I authorize TRIO Student Support Services to send text messages to the cellular phone number maintained on record with the program. Lastly, I authorize TRIO Student Support Services to obtain periodic reports from my instructors regarding my academic progress for courses in which I am enrolled. I agree to meet with my peer and/or faculty mentor twice a month at a mutually agreed upon time. I understand that all information will be kept confidential, and will be used only for the purposes specified herein.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Person's Relationship to You:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application to:**

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[centralaz.edu/trio](http://centralaz.edu/trio)

## NEEDS SELF ASSESSMENT

Please check the following statements that apply to you.

Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> I don't have a driver's license.	<input type="checkbox"/> I will be riding with a friend to the college.
<input type="checkbox"/> I will be using the Cotton Express.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have my own car.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have no transportation issues.	
Other:	

Housing	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am looking for an apartment.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need information about Section 8.
<input type="checkbox"/> I live with my parents or others in my own home.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have no housing issues.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am homeless, e.g. living with friends, moving from house to house, living in a shelter.	
Other:	

Health	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have significant concerns regarding my physical health and it affecting my ability to be successful in school.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have significant concerns regarding my mental health and it affecting my ability to be successful in school.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have no significant health issues at this time.	
Other:	

Financial	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need information on how to better handle by personal finances.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need assistance in completing my FAFSA forms.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need information about CAC's tuition payment plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not able to purchase textbooks or other educational supplies.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not able to meet my basic financial needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need a referral to WIA (Workforce Investment Act) to assist with school expenses.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I need information about possible scholarships and how to apply.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have no financial issues at this time.	
Other:	

Personal	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have situations in my life that I consider serious enough for me to seek professional counseling.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned that member(s) of my family have situations that may affect my attendance at school.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am consistently low on food and other household products.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I lack appropriate interviewing/job type clothing.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have no significant personal issues at this time.
Other:	

Legal	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have a misdemeanor/felony on my record that could prevent me from practicing in my career choice.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am on probation/parole.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need the services of an attorney.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have no significant legal issues at this time.	Other:

Employment	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have a job. # of hours/week:	<input type="checkbox"/> I volunteer for a non-profit organization.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am work study eligible.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need assistance with my resume.
<input type="checkbox"/> I need assistance in finding a job.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need assistance finding an internship.
<input type="checkbox"/> I need help retaining my current job.	<input type="checkbox"/> I need to learn interviewing skill.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have no employment needs at this time.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am undecided about my career or major.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in a job shadowing experience in the area(s) of my career interest.	
Other:	



### **What is TRIO?**

TRIO Student Support Services is an academic support program funded by a federal grant under the authority of the U.S. Department of Education. TRIO has provided CAC students a broad range of academic support services since September 1, 2005.

### **Why is the program called TRIO?**

Student Support Services is one of three (TRIO) original academic support service programs created under the Higher Education Act of 1965. While the first two programs (Talent Search & Upward Bound) work to encourage youth and teens to prepare and enroll in college after high school graduation, Student Support Services provides support to students to enhance their academic success once they are enrolled in college.

### **What services does TRIO provide?**

TRIO is a comprehensive academic support program that provides enrolled participants with a wide variety of services that will enhance and support their abilities to achieve their academic goals. Services include:

- Academic Assessment (not an academic skills test) - You will complete a computerized assessment that is designed to help you learn more about your academic strengths and weaknesses.
- Academic Advising – You will be assigned an advisor or faculty mentor based on your academic and personal goals.
- One-on-one Tutoring – TRIO tutors are well versed in their respective subjects and are prepared to meet various learning styles. Throughout the semester, as a TRIO student you will be able to sign-up for weekly tutoring beyond the one-hour time limits offered at the Learning Center.
- Financial Literacy – One of the most cited reasons for students leaving college without earning a degree is financial difficulty. TRIO uses an interactive online tool called CashCourse that allows students to learn about topics related to their own personal financial needs such as budgeting, debt management, credit cards, student loan repayment requirements, identity theft, and credit scores.
- Financial Aid – TRIO is able to assist you in your search for financial assistance. We offer assistance in filing your FAFSA and in your search for scholarships.
- Grant-Aid Scholarship – A portion of funds appropriated to TRIO by the federal government is reserved for scholarship money that we award to students that meet specific guidelines including academic achievement and financial need.
- Career Exploration – Your faculty mentor or advisor will work with you to ensure that you have made an informed career decision. There are several useful tools that will help you learn more about your own personal interests and work style as well as jobs that match your abilities.

- Personal Advising – TRIO does not provide professional counseling services, but we are able to offer general advice on coping with some of life's basic issues that may impact your academic success. If the assistance that you require is beyond our scope, we will gladly help you find assistance through our resource guide of local community agencies.

### **Who is eligible to apply for TRIO?**

If you are a U.S. citizen or FAFSA eligible non-citizen, enrolled at CAC (full-time), plan to graduate and transfer with an Associate's degree or Certificate from CAC, AND meet *one* of the following criteria, you will be eligible to apply for enrollment in the TRIO program.

- First generation – neither of your parents or guardians earned a Bachelor's degree.
- Low income – your household income meets federal guidelines (TRIO can help you determine eligibility).
- Documented disability – on file with CAC Disability Resource Services.

**If you meet the criteria listed above and are willing to meet the program expectations, we will gladly review your application for enrollment.**

### **If I meet the criteria listed above, am I guaranteed enrollment into the TRIO program?**

No. The criteria listed above stipulate who is eligible to apply; there are however, additional federal requirements that must be considered before we are able to invite you to enroll in the TRIO program. These requirements include:

1. Student must be able to graduate with an Associate's degree or Certificate and transfer within four years after enrolling in the TRIO program; and
2. Upon completion of the intake interview with TRIO staff, it must be determined that the applicant demonstrates an academic need and the potential to benefit from services, and is willing to work with the expectations of TRIO; and
3. Students must be in good academic standing with CAC as defined in the College Catalog; and
4. The student must be a full-time student.

### **What is the application process?**

1. Inform yourself – You have already taken the first step by reading through these FAQ's.
2. Apply – Complete and return the application to the TRIO office at the Signal Peak Campus in the T building (Room T-204) on the second floor of the Sheldon building.
3. Evaluate – After receiving your application, the TRIO Director will evaluate your application to determine if you are a candidate for the program. This evaluation will include: (a) a verification to determine if you meet the eligibility requirement of: first generation, low income, and/or student with a disability; (b) a completed academic plan (MAP) to determine if you will be able to complete degree requirements within a 4-year timeframe; and, (c) a determination of your level of academic need and potential to benefit from TRIO program services based upon your self-assessment (included in the application), an interview, Compass scores, academic assessments and academic history.

**Applicants who do not meet program eligibility requirements will receive a letter informing them why they have been deemed ineligible for the program. All applicants denied enrollment may schedule an appointment with the TRIO Director to discuss the enrollment decision in greater detail.**

4. Acceptance – The TRIO Director will contact you by phone and you will receive a letter in the mail confirming your acceptance to the program.

### **What if I only want to use a few services offered through TRIO, such as the Grant-Aid Scholarship?**

If you choose to apply to TRIO for the Grant-Aid Scholarship only, TRIO is probably not a good fit for you. We are seeking students who truly want to make use of the services to help enhance their academic performance and help them reach their full academic potential. As a comprehensive program, TRIO offers a wide variety of services designed to work in unison. We don't expect you to use all the services within the first semester, but we do anticipate that if you are to truly benefit from the program we offer, you will embrace the opportunity to become an ACTIVE TRIO participant.

### **Am I required to use all of the services offered through the TRIO program?**

We do not require that you use every service offered, but we do strongly encourage that you take full advantage of all services that will enhance your academic and personal development. There are a few services that TRIO participants are *required* to complete (based on TRIO regulations and/or federal legislation). The REQUIRED services include:

- Academic Assessment
- Academic Advising – you are required to meet with your TRIO faculty mentor or advisor
- Financial Literacy (computer assessment and complete FAFSA)

In addition to the required services listed above, there are also expectations of our TRIO participants. These expectations include:

- You will meet with your TRIO faculty mentor or advisor at least four times throughout the semester.
- You will meet with your TRIO faculty mentor or advisor when you encounter any difficulties in your course(s) to discuss appropriate strategies for success.
- You will give substantial consideration to the advice offered by your TRIO faculty mentor or advisor. In addition to their degrees, they have extensive practical college experience and training, and the advice they have to offer is based on their personal and professional experiences as well as the experience of their current and former advisees.
- You will take advantage of tutoring (TRIO tutoring or LC tutoring) for those courses that you anticipate as being “trouble courses” and/or those unexpected difficult courses.
- You will be on time and present for all scheduled TRIO tutor, faculty mentor, and advisor meetings.
- You will complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- If eligible, you will apply for the TRIO Grant-Aid Scholarship.