

TRIO Programs in Michigan: Eligibility and Institutional Information



E-Information Brief

What this Electronic Information Brief Provides

This brief provides descriptions and eligibility criteria for all 8 TRIO programs in Michigan. Each program contains a list of participating or host institutions, as well as links to specific program websites.

History of TRIO

In 1965, the Department of Education began establishing what would eventually become 8 programs aimed at making educational opportunities possible for all students regardless of their race, class, or gender. Today, these programs offer support services to low-income and/or first generation college students in their quest for postsecondary education. *In 2008, the Higher Education Act "makes homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), automatically eligible for TRIO programs."*

Educational Talent Search (ETS)

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to the postsecondary school of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY: Students must be between the ages of 11 and 27 and have completed the fifth grade. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

Host Institution	School District Served
Alpena Community College	Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency counties. Also, Oscoda, Posen, Rogers City School Districts
Finlandia University	Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw counties
Grand Valley State University	Grand Rapids
Michigan State University	Lansing
Mid-Michigan College	Clare-Gladwin RESD, Coleman Community Schools
Southwestern Michigan College	Brandywine, Cassopolis, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Marcellus

Student Support Services (SSS)

SSS provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The SSS program may also provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

ELIGIBILITY: Students must be current participants in the SSS project who are in their first two years of postsecondary education and receiving Federal Pell Grants. Grant aid may be offered to students who have



completed their first two years of postsecondary education and are receiving Federal Pell Grants if the institution demonstrates that these students are at high risk of dropping out and it has first met the needs of all its eligible first and second-year students. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS: [Adrian College](#), [Alpena Community College](#), [Aquinas College](#), [Bay De Noc Community College](#), [Bay Mills Community College](#), [Finlandia University](#), [Glen Oaks Community College](#), [Gogebic Community College](#), [Grand Rapids Community College](#), [Grand Valley State University](#), [Jackson Community College](#), [Kellogg Community College](#), [Lake Michigan College](#), [Lansing Community College](#), [Madonna University](#), [Marygrove College](#), [Michigan State University](#), [Mott Community College](#), [Northern Michigan University](#), [Siena Heights University](#), [Southwestern Michigan College](#), [St. Clair County Community College](#), [Wayne County Community College District](#), [Western Michigan University](#).

Upward Bound (UB)

UB provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families, high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree, and low-income, first generation military veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education.

ELIGIBILITY: Students must have completed the 8th grade, be between the ages of 13 and 19 (except veterans), and have a need for academic support in order to pursue a program of postsecondary education. All students must be either from low-income families or be potential first-generation college students. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

Host Institution	School District Served
Central Michigan University	Northern High
Cranbrook Schools	Cranbrook School
Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti High and Willow Run High
Finlandia University	Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw Counties
Grand Rapids Community College	Grand Rapids: Creston & Ottawa High
Grand Valley State University	Grand Rapids: Central or Union High
Hope College	Fennville, Holland, West Ottawa
Kellogg Community College	Battle Creek
Lake Michigan College	Benton Harbor
Lake Superior State University	Rudyard, Pickford, Brimley and Sault Area High schools
Michigan State University	Lansing
Monroe Community College	Monroe High School
Mott Community College	Flint, Beecher and Hamady School Districts
Muskegon Community College	Muskegon
Oakland University	Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central, and Oak Park High Schools; Pontiac Academy for Excellence

Host Institution	School District Served
Sienna Heights University	Adrian
Wayne State University	Detroit & Inkster School Districts
Wayne-Westland Community School District	Wayne Westland
Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo Public

[Educational Opportunity Centers \(EOC\)](#)

The Educational Opportunity Centers program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

- [Lake Michigan College](#)
- [Wayne State University](#)

[Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement](#)

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to prepare eligible participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential. Institutions work closely with participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements. Institutions encourage participants to enroll in graduate programs and then track their progress through the successful completion of advanced degrees. The goal is to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

- [Central Michigan University](#)
- [Eastern Michigan University](#)
- [Grand Valley State University](#)
- [Northern Michigan University](#)
- [Sienna Heights University](#)
- [Wayne State University](#)

[Talent Search](#)

The Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants, and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assists participants with the postsecondary application process. Talent Search also encourages persons who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

- [Alpena Community College](#)

- [Finlandia University](#)
- [Grand Valley State University](#)
- [Michigan State University](#)
- [Mid Michigan Community College](#)
- [Southwestern Michigan College](#)

[Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs Staff](#)

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations to support training to enhance the skills and expertise of project directors and staff employed in the Federal TRIO Programs. Funds may be used for conferences, seminars, internships, workshops, or the publication of manuals. Training topics are based on priorities established by the Secretary of Education and announced in [Federal Register](#) notices inviting applications.

[Upward Bound Math-Science](#)

The Upward Bound Math and Science program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

- [Northern Michigan University](#)

[Veterans Upward Bound](#)

Veterans Upward Bound is designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education. The program provides assessment and enhancement of basic skills through counseling, mentoring, tutoring and academic instruction in the core subject areas. The primary goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants enroll in and complete postsecondary education programs. Homeless children and youth, or youth in foster care (including youth who have left foster care after reaching age 13), are automatically eligible.

- [Wayne State University](#)

Information for this brief was compiled from valuable information provided the Department of Education, and The Council for Opportunity in Education. To find out more about these organizations, please visit the links below:

Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html>

Council for Opportunity in Education: <http://www.coenet.us>

About Fostering Success Michigan

Through generous support from the Kresge Foundation, Western Michigan University, and others, Fostering Success Michigan is implementing a statewide collective impact strategy that strives to prepare young people with experience in foster care between the ages of 12 to 25 across the state of Michigan for success in higher education and beyond. Fostering Success Michigan will increase awareness, access, and success in higher education and post-college careers for youth with experience in foster care.

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