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ARKANSAS TRIO PROGRAMS

*Preparing Low-Income, First Generation
College Students and Veterans to
Enter & Succeed in Higher Education*

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Greetings:

On behalf of the **Arkansas Association of Student Assistance Programs**, I want to thank you for the interest you have shown in learning more about the Arkansas TRIO programs.

Created through President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, **TRIO Programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social, economic, and cultural barriers to higher education in America.**

Today, **over 20,000 Arkansas students are enrolled in 81 programs at Arkansas Institutions and these programs make attending college a reality** for students who are under-resourced - including military veterans and students with disabilities, low-income, and/or students who will be the first in their family to graduate from college.

Nationwide, over 840,000 middle school through post graduate students receive direct TRIO services including: **academic tutoring, personal advising, mentoring, and financial guidance that support and promote college access, retention, and graduation.**

By providing hands-on support services and individually focused and intensive programming geared towards helping students successfully navigate the college admissions and financial aid process, **Arkansas TRIO programs are helping to create a pipeline of well-educated and highly-skilled Arkansas citizens.**

The Arkansas TRIO community is grateful for your continued support of educational opportunity for current and future Arkansas students.

Sincerely,
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What is TRIO?

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. In 2021-2022, over 844,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities — from sixth grade through college graduation — are served by over 3,270 programs nationally. TRIO programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention. TRIO programs provide direct support services for students, and relevant training for directors and staff.

The TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social and cultural barriers to education in America. TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound. Then, in 1965, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (later known as Student Support Services), was launched in 1968. Together, this “trio” of federally-funded programs encouraged access to higher education for low-income students. By 1998, the TRIO programs had become a vital pipeline to opportunity, serving traditional students, displaced workers, and veterans. The original three programs had grown to nine, adding Educational Opportunity Centers and Veterans Upward Bound in 1972, Training Program for Federal TRIO programs in 1976, the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program in 1986, and Upward Bound Math/Science in 1990.

Why Are TRIO Programs Important?

1. The United States needs to boost both its academic and economic competitiveness globally. In order to foster and maintain a healthy economy as well as compete globally, the United States needs a strong, highly-educated, and competent workforce. To be on par with other nations, the country needs students, no matter their background, who are academically prepared and motivated to achieve success.
2. Low-income students are being left behind. Only 38% of low-income high school seniors go straight to college as compared to 81% of their peers in the highest income quartile. Then, once enrolled in college, low-income students earn bachelor's degrees at a rate that is less than half of that of their high-income peers — 21% as compared with 45%.
3. The growing achievement gap in our country is detrimental to our success as a nation. There is a tremendous gap in educational attainment between America's highest and lowest income students — despite similar talents and potential. While there are numerous talented and worthy low-income students, relatively few are represented in higher education, particularly at America's more selective four-year colleges and universities.

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)

Educational Opportunity Centers located throughout the country primarily serve displaced or underemployed workers from families. These Centers help individuals to choose a college and a suitable financial aid program.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (MCN)

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program is designed to encourage low-income students and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching as well as prepare for doctoral study. Students who participate in this program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors. This program was named in honor of the astronaut who died in the 1986 space-shuttle explosion.

Student Support Services (SSS)

Student Support Services projects work to enable low-income students to stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degrees. Participants, who include disabled college students, receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction.

Talent Search (TS)

Talent Search projects serve young people in grades six through 12. In addition to counseling, participants receive information about college admissions requirements, scholarships and various student financial aid programs. This early intervention program helps youth from low-income families to better understand their educational opportunities and options.

Upward Bound (UB)

Upward Bound (UB) is an intensive intervention program that prepares students for higher education through various enrichment courses. Campus-based UB programs provide students instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, science, and foreign language during the school year and the summer. UB also provides intensive mentoring and support for students as they prepare for college entrance exams and tackle admission applications, financial aid, and scholarship forms.

Upward Bound Math-Science (UBMS)

Using a similar model to Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science provides students with a rigorous math and science curriculum in high school to encourage and enable them to successfully major in critically important science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines in college.

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)

The Veterans Upward Bound program provides intensive basic skills development and short-term remedial courses for military veterans to help them successfully transition to postsecondary education. Veterans learn how to secure support from available resources such as the Veterans Administration, veterans associations, and various state and local agencies that serve veterans.

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

EOC

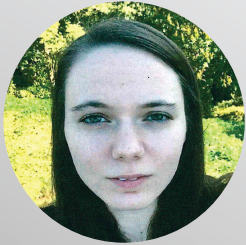
Economic Opportunity Centers (EOC) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Arkansas Northeastern College	1097	\$391,147
Arkansas State University Mid-South	1000	\$273,793
Henderson State University	1000	\$273,793
North Arkansas College	1000	\$313,131
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	850	\$232,050
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$273,000
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$312,382
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	1362	\$486,344
Total No. of Projects: 8	8309	\$2,555,640

MCN

McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (MCN) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Harding University	27	\$274,983
Henderson State University	25	\$261,889
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	26	\$262,867
Total No. of Projects: 3	78	\$799,739

SSS

Student Support Services (SSS) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Arkansas Northeastern College	175	\$335,111
Arkansas State University	175	\$316,350
Arkansas State University Mid-South	180	\$335,086
Arkansas State University - Beebe	160	\$294,725
Arkansas State University - Beebe	140	\$261,888
Arkansas State University Three Rivers	200	\$306,036
Arkansas Tech University	140	\$261,888
Arkansas Tech University	140	\$261,888
Arkansas Tech University (TeacherPrep)	140	\$261,888
East Arkansas Community College	200	\$361,323
Henderson State University	308	\$417,525
Henderson State University (Disability)	100	\$294,721
John Brown University	165	\$275,105
National Park College	225	\$420,020
North Arkansas College	200	\$377,440
Ozarka College	215	\$331,434
Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas	257	\$374,609
Southeast Arkansas College	160	\$275,105
Southern Arkansas University	250	\$396,437
University of Arkansas Community College At Batesville	144	\$261,888
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	325	\$298,858
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (STEM)	120	\$261,888
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	140	\$261,888
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	200	\$335,111
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	260	\$427,545
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	308	\$491,808
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	180	\$275,105
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	220	\$378,800
University of the Ozarks	180	\$320,062
Total No. of Projects: 29	5607	\$9,471,532



"The TRIO program not only gives you the tools to succeed in academics, it also gives you much needed social skills to prepare you for real life situations. I was a very shy individual, and if it were not for the TRIO program, I would never have overcome the struggles I faced with my communication skills throughout school. I would not have continued my education if they had not been there, encouraging me to achieve greater things and to be the best that I can be. TRIO has changed my life for the better!"

-Sydney Rigsby
Arkansas State University - Beebe



UB

"Upward Bound has shaped me into who I am today. It transformed me from a cripplingly shy freshman that could barely answer a question in class to someone who always looks forward to meeting and becoming friends with new people. Upward Bound has inspired me to reach for the stars and accept nothing less when it comes to education, and I fully attribute it to my decision to apply to over twenty colleges across the country. As a low income and first-generation college student, my dreams of going into Biological or Genetic Research in order to help those less fortunate would have never been realized had UB staff not given me a chance, and for that, I will be forever grateful. I have now become a Questbridge Scholar and will be attending my dream college on a full scholarship. I will never forget what Upward Bound has done for me."

-Lily Williams
Arkansas Tech University

Upward Bound (UB) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Arkansas Baptist College	60	\$297,601
Arkansas State University - Beebe	56	\$297,601
Arkansas State University - Beebe	75	\$401,761
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601
Harding University	65	\$342,694
Henderson State University	60	\$297,601
Lyon College	87	\$464,829
National Park College	60	\$297,601
Ouachita Baptist University	88	\$470,445
South Arkansas Community College	63	\$312,480
Southern Arkansas University	60	\$297,601
Southern Arkansas University	120	\$639,832
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	84	\$435,295
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	60	\$290,665
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	76	\$404,000
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	77	\$404,000
University of Central Arkansas	58	\$297,601
Total No. of Projects: 19	1326	\$6,856,789

UBMS

Upward Bound/Math Science (UBMS) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601
Lyon College	66	\$349,890
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	60	\$297,601
Total No. of Projects: 5	303	\$1,552,673

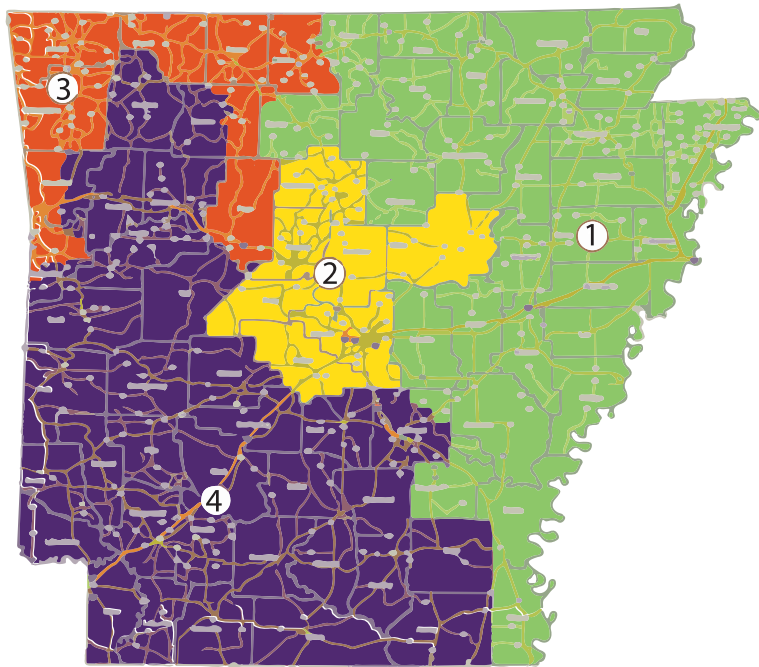
VUB

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Arkansas Tech University	125	\$297,601
Henderson State University	125	\$297,601
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	132	\$337,605
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	130	\$297,601
Total No. of Projects: 4	512	\$1,230,408

TS

Talent Search (TS) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
Arkansas Northeastern College	500	\$592,473
Henderson State University	500	\$277,372
National Park College	583	\$323,420
North Arkansas College	1361	\$755,016
Ouachita Baptist University	860	\$477,086
Southern Arkansas University	503	\$279,040
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	932	\$517,027
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1068	\$592,205
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,374
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,375
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	680	\$377,231
Total No. of Projects: 13	9001	\$5,308,135

TRIO PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



District	Number of TRIO Programs	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)
1	12	4096	\$4,387,933
2	18	6155	\$5,696,358
3	22	6372	\$7,289,398
4	29	3906	\$10,401,227
TOTAL	81	20529	\$27,774,916

DISTRICT 1

District 1 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas Northeastern College	1097	\$391,147	EOC
Arkansas Northeastern College	175	\$335,111	SSS
Arkansas Northeastern College	500	\$592,473	TS
Arkansas State University	175	\$316,350	SSS
Arkansas State University Mid-South	1000	\$273,793	EOC
Arkansas State University Mid-South	180	\$335,086	SSS
East Arkansas Community College	200	\$361,323	SSS
Lyon College	87	\$464,829	UB
Lyon College	66	\$349,890	UBMS
Ozarka College	215	\$331,434	SSS
Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas	257	\$374,609	SSS
University of Arkansas Community College At Batesville	144	\$261,888	SSS
Total No. of Projects: 12	4096	\$4,387,933	

District 2 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas Baptist College	60	\$297,601	UB
Arkansas State University - Beebe	160	\$294,725	SSS
Arkansas State University - Beebe	140	\$261,888	SSS
Arkansas State University - Beebe	56	\$297,601	UB
Arkansas State University - Beebe	75	\$401,761	UB
Harding University	27	\$274,983	MCN
Harding University	65	\$342,694	UB
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	850	\$232,050	EOC
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$273,000	EOC
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$312,382	EOC
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	26	\$262,867	MCN
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	260	\$427,545	SSS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1068	\$592,205	TS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,374	TS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,375	TS
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	180	\$275,105	SSS
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	130	\$297,601	VUB
University of Central Arkansas	58	\$297,601	UB
Total No. of Projects: 18	6155	\$5,696,358	

DISTRICT 3

District 3 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas Tech University	140	\$261,888	SSS
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Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601	UB
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601	UBMS
Arkansas Tech University	125	\$297,601	VUB
Arkansas Tech University (TeacherPrep)	140	\$261,888	SSS
John Brown University	165	\$275,105	SSS
North Arkansas College	1000	\$313,131	EOC
North Arkansas College	200	\$377,440	SSS
North Arkansas College	1361	\$755,016	TS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	325	\$298,858	SSS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	84	\$435,295	UB
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601	UB
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601	UBMS
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University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	932	\$517,027	TS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258	TS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258	TS
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	140	\$261,888	SSS
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980	UB
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980	UBMS
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (STEM)	120	\$261,888	SSS
Total No. of Projects: 22	6372	\$7,289,398	

DISTRICT 4

District 4 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2021 Funding (2021-22 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas State University Three Rivers	200	\$306,036	SSS
Henderson State University	1000	\$273,793	EOC
Henderson State University	25	\$261,889	MCN
Henderson State University	308	\$417,525	SSS
Henderson State University	60	\$297,601	UB
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Henderson State University	500	\$277,372	TS
Henderson State University (Disability)	100	\$294,721	SSS
National Park College	225	\$420,020	SSS
National Park College	60	\$297,601	UB
National Park College	583	\$323,420	TS
Ouachita Baptist University	88	\$470,445	UB
Ouachita Baptist University	860	\$477,086	TS
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University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	220	\$378,800	SSS
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	77	\$404,000	UB
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	60	\$297,601	UBMS
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University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	200	\$335,111	SSS
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