**TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)** is designed for students who have the potential to achieve and maintain high levels of academic excellence. SSS participants are recognized leaders and are involved in professional development, personal growth experiences, and community engagement activities.

Through the SSS program, students are introduced to university resources, faculty and administrators, dedicated peer mentors and committed program professionals. SSS offers tutoring, academic skills development, and specialized services to assist students in developing necessary skills and strategies to succeed in college.

All services are free and available to any student who completes the application, qualifies under federal guidelines, and is invited into the program.

In accordance with federal regulations, a student must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for program services:

- Is a citizen or national of the United States or meets the residency requirements for Federal Student Aid.
- Is admitted, or accepted for admission in the next academic term at MSU.
- Has a need for academic support in order to successfully pursue an undergraduate degree program.
- Is: (1) A student with low-income; (2) A first generation college student; or (3) A student with a disability.

**Benefits & Services**

- Employment and Professional Development Opportunities
- Academic Assistance/Tutoring
- Weekly Coaching
- Resource Referrals
- Course Selection Assistance
- Individualized Counseling
- Technology Skills Development
- Course Specific Resource Help
- Academic Skills Workshops
- Student-Centered Programs
- Academic Support for Veteran Students
- Financial & Economic Literacy Education
- Assistance with Financial Aid & Scholarship Applications
- Collaborative Study Support
- Services for Homeless Youth & Students Aging Out of Foster Care
- Graduate & Professional Program Application Assistance
- Cultural & Educational Events

**CONTACT US TODAY TO APPLY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

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**WEB: www.trio.oss.msu.edu • PHONE 517-353-5210 • EMAIL: trio@msu.edu**
2015-2016 PARTICIPANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program at Michigan State University enhances educational opportunities for undergraduate students by providing academic and personal support to develop learning skills, increase retention and graduation rates of its eligible participants, and as appropriate, facilitate entrance into graduate and professional programs. Our student-centered learning environment assists students with college requirements, motivates students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education and promotes graduate school enrollment through individualized coaching and tutoring, at no cost to the student. For more information on this program and the qualifications, please visit www.trio.oss.msu.edu. Further inquiries may be made to trio@msu.edu or 517-353-5210.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS, A STUDENT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM SERVICES:

- Is a citizen or national of the United States or meets the residency requirements for Federal Student Aid. A valid Social Security Number is required on the application.
- Is enrolled or accepted for enrollment (admitted) in the next academic term at Michigan State University. To apply to MSU please visit www.beaspartan.msu.edu
- Has a need for academic support, as defined by the program, in order to successfully pursue an undergraduate degree.
- Is: (1) A student within the federal income guidelines; (2) A first-generation college student; or (3) A student with a disability.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the entire application, with required signatures, and return with your personal statement and resume attached to the address below, or fax to 517-432-2962.

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East Lansing, MI 48824

Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded TRIO Program under the U.S. Department of Education that aids students in graduating from college. Funds to support the program are appropriated through a Title IV Grant of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The TRIO SSS Program at Michigan State University is committed to providing services to eligible participants. Program participants must meet certain requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. TRIO Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity, color, age, religion, disability, veteran status, national origin, age, marital status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
# 2015-2016 TRIO SSS PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

**NOTE:** The following information is requested to determine your eligibility for program services. All information is confidential and will be released only to authorized personnel. **A COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST HAVE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION AND PROPER SIGNATURES.**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT INFORMATION:**

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

NOTE: Documentation of Household Size and Taxable Income is required to determine financial eligibility for participation in TRIO Student Support Services. Please use 2014 income data to complete the income verification. The most current TRIO low-income guidelines as defined by the federal government can be found online at the following website: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html.

DEPENDENT STUDENT: You are considered a dependent student if you live with one or both of your parent(s) and they provide more than half of your support.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT: An independent student must meet one of the following criteria:

• You are age 24 by January 1, of the academic year (Born before January 1, 1992).
• You are married.
• You will be a graduate or professional student in 2015-2016.
• You are currently serving on active duty in or a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
• You have legal dependents other than a spouse.
• As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, you are an emancipated minor.
• As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, in legal guardianship.
• Any time since age 13, one or both of your parents was deceased, you were in foster care or you were a dependent or ward of the court.
• At any time on or after July 1, 2014, a recognized agency determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW FOR YOUR CATEGORY ONLY:

DEPENDENT STUDENTS ONLY:

How many people are in your parent’s household, including yourself?

Have you or will you complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA? □ YES □ NO

Total Adjusted Gross Income in 2014?

Did your parents file a federal income tax return for last year? □ YES □ NO

If Yes, what was their TAXABLE INCOME in 2014?

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INDEPENDENT STUDENTS ONLY:

How many people are in your household, including yourself?

Have you or will you complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA? □ YES □ NO

Total Adjusted Gross Income in 2014?

Did you file a federal income tax return for last year? □ YES □ NO

If Yes, what was your TAXABLE INCOME in 2014?

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EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

SELECT ONE ANSWER FOR EACH ITEM BELOW:

MOTHER/ OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
High School Diploma/GED
❑ YES ❑ NO ❑ UNKNOWN

Bachelor’s Degree
❑ YES ❑ NO ❑ UNKNOWN

FATHER/ OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
High School Diploma/GED
❑ YES ❑ NO ❑ UNKNOWN

Bachelor’s Degree
❑ YES ❑ NO ❑ UNKNOWN

YOU:
First Generation College Student
❑ YES ❑ NO ❑ UNKNOWN

(Parent does not have a bachelor’s degree)

Plan to earn a Bachelor’s Degree at MSU
❑ YES ❑ NO ❑ UNKNOWN

COMPLETE EACH ITEM BELOW:

High School Name __________________________________________

High School City & State ______________________________________

High School GPA ___________________________________________

Best ACT Scores
English: Math: __________________________

Best SAT Scores
English: Math: __________________________

Best MSU Math Placement Score ______________________________

# AP Credits Earned _________________________________________

# College Credits Earned – Not MSU ___________________________

List Any Degrees Earned – Not MSU _____________________________

Other Colleges You Have Attended _____________________________

Your MSU Major ___________________________________________

Expected Year of Graduation From Michigan State Univ.
________________________________________________________

CURRENT MSU STUDENTS ONLY:

# MSU Credits Earned _________________________________________

Cumulative GPA ___________________________________________
PRIOR PARTICIPATION IN TRIO & OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Talent Search  ☐ SSS (2-yr or 4-yr)

☐ Upward Bound / Math-Science  ☐ Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)

☐ Veterans Upward Bound  ☐ Other:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ SSS Program Staff  ☐ Other Faculty / Staff

☐ SSS Student  ☐ Other TRIO Program Staff / Student

☐ TRIO Website / Multimedia  ☐ Other MSU Website / Multimedia

☐ TRIO Event  ☐ Other Campus Event

☐ TRIO Publication / Bulletin Board  ☐ Other:

TRIO SUCCESS TOOLS YOU WILL USE: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Course Tutoring  ☐ Individualized Counseling

☐ Academic Skills Coaching  ☐ Employment/Career Guidance

☐ Advising & Course Selection  ☐ Peer Mentor Guidance

☐ FAFSA & Financial Aid Help  ☐ Cultural & Academic Exposure

☐ Financial Literacy Education  ☐ Professional Development

☐ Graduate School Preparation  ☐ Other:
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

I. I authorize TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) to gather information concerning all of my academic progress (standardized test scores, grade point average, earned credit, transcripts, tutoring, etc.) and financial aid status prior to my participation in SSS. I understand TRIO SSS staff will review data from my application, academic assessments and interview to assist in determining my academic and career planning needs. I understand this information is used to help determine my eligibility for SSS and will be kept strictly confidential.

II. I grant permission for SSS to review and copy any information maintained as part of my program records including, but not limited to, admission, grades, Federal tax forms, financial aid, disabilities, and any other information pertinent to my status at Michigan State University or the SSS program. I am aware that personal information provided to TRIO Student Support Services will be protected under the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. No one will have access to the information unless they work with or for MSU, or are specifically authorized by me.

III. I give the SSS staff permission to inquire about my class attendance, class work, tutoring sessions, grade reports, and professional development internship and I give my instructors and supervisors permission to release such information to SSS staff when requested. The SSS staff will assist me in achieving my academic goals only if I uphold my responsibilities in accordance with the Participant Agreement and Participation Requirements. Should I fail to meet the requirements and fulfill my academic goals, it may result in serious consequences regarding my continuation as a participant in the SSS program.

IV. I grant permission for SSS to gather information for follow up whenever appropriate, including, but not limited to, transfer and progress to graduate school. I am aware my eligibility and financial aid status will be reported to the U.S. Department of Education in accordance with the grant funding regulations. I certify the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to provide documentation upon request to verify the information reported.

V. I hereby authorize the use of my physical likeness, photographic image and voice in any and all publications, such as websites, social media, newspaper articles and campus-wide e-mail notices related my SSS participation. I authorize TRIO SSS at Michigan State University to use my name, photo and other non-confidential information about me in promotion of the program through radio, television or other multimedia materials. I understand my picture could come from a digital image such as my file or from photos and videos taken on various field trips and at academic and social events.

VI. As a participant in the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program at Michigan State University, I am committed to my education. To gain the full benefits of the SSS program, I will make a commitment to my academic goals and the assistance provided. I will strive for 100% CLASS ATTENDANCE, 100% CLASS COMPLETION and A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.5.

Student Signature: __________________________
PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Participant agrees to meet with SSS staff at least three (3) times per semester for advising.
- Participant agrees to attend regular academic assistance activities (i.e. tutoring & skills workshops) as required by program staff.
- Participant agrees to complete a professional development internship experience.
- Participant agrees to attend mandatory meetings as scheduled each semester.
- Participant agrees to participate in at least one event from each of the following categories each semester: (1) financial aid/financial literacy; (2) professional development (graduate

PARTICIPANT STATUS:

Once you are accepted into the TRIO SSS Program, you will automatically be placed into a “pending” status for one semester. Pending students can receive all services, but we track pending participants for one semester to see whether they need and/or utilize TRIO services. When a pending student fulfills the Student Participation Requirements (above) we can change his or her pending status to active status.

Participation is the key to your academic success. If you choose not to participate; if you fail to meet with TRIO staff when required; or if you report that you no longer want or need TRIO Student Support Services, then we will discontinue your involvement in the program.

There are a limited number of TRIO SSS openings available each semester. Only students who are willing to actively participate can remain in the program until graduation. If you do not fully participate, then you may be removed from the TRIO SSS program.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES:

I hereby certify that I have read and understand ALL of the information contained in this application, and that ALL of the information that I have provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to the program participation requirements and hereby grant permission for TRIO Student Support Services at Michigan State University to have access to my official records in order to approve my application and facilitate my participation in the program.

Student Signature & Date

Parent Signature & Date (Required for Dependent and Minor Students)

APPLICATION COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:

Write a brief statement about your personal goals, career objectives and why you want to participate in TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) at Michigan State University. Complete the entire application, make sure your MSU PID is on each page, include required signatures, and return with your personal statement and resume attached to the address below, or fax to 517-432-2962.

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