

2025 TRIO Talent Search Scholarship Application--current students (seniors) and alumni

Deadline: February 18, 2025

ALWAYS TYPE UP YOUR LONG ANSWERS AND ESSAYS IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT THEN COPY AND PASTE THEM INTO THIS FORM WHEN YOU HAVE EVERYTHING READY TO SUBMIT.

* Indicates required question

1. Are you a current TRIO Talent Search student (senior) or have you graduated already (alumni)? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ I am a current TRIO Talent Search student (senior in high school)
- ☐ I am a TRIO Talent Search alumnus (already graduated from high school)
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TRIO Talent Search Senior Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: February 17, 2025

Scholarship eligibility Considerations for the 2025 Competition

- Applicants must be TRIO Talent Search participants from Cortez, Mancos, Durango, Ignacio, or Pagosa Springs
- All scholarship recipients must attend college for the entire 2025-2026 year, beginning in fall of 2025
- All scholarship recipients must apply for TRIO at the collegiate level (if offered at their institution of choice)
- All scholarship recipients must fill out scholarship agreements, agreeing to any specific terms and expectations of the scholarship they are awarded
- All scholarship recipients must write a thank you note to the donor or organization that sponsored the scholarship they were awarded
- Successful scholarship applicants will be awarded a scholarship that best matches with their academic plans, personal background and school they are planning to attend

APPLICATION PARTS

1. A complete application | This Google Form
2. Essay of 500-750 words | Choice of prompt
3. High School Transcript | No minimum GPA
4. Attend a scholarship award dinner in early May to hear the results

2. Name (First and Last) *

3. High School *

4. Who is your TRIO advisor *

5. Your phone number (or a guardian/parent's if you don't have one) *

6. Your personal email (NOT a school email) *

We do not recommend using your school email address moving forward as it will stop working after you graduate. Please make sure you have a personal email you use and check often.

7. Name of the college you will attend in the fall *

8. Name of the degree you will pursue *

Activities, Work Experience, Community Service

In this section, help us understand how you've spent your time during high school

9. Please list 3 **extracurricular activities** that have been most important to you during high school. After each one, tell how long you were involved. Example: Southwest Conservation Corps Leadership Program (8/9/20-9/23/23) *

10. Please list 3 **work experiences** (paid or unpaid) that have been most important to *
you during high school. After each one, tell how long you were involved.
Example: Park Elementary Internship (8/9/20-9/23/23), McDonald's Cashier
(6/30/21-present), Babysitting (5/30/20-8/30/24)

11. Please list 3 high school **community service** activities that have been most *
important to you during high school. After each one, tell how long you were
involved. Example: Hozhoni Days Ticket Sales Volunteer (3/31/22-4/1/22 &
3/31/23-4/1/23)

12. Please list 3 **awards or honors** that you've received during high school that have *
been most important to you. After each one, tell when you received the award.
Example: Courageous Leader School Board Award (2021)

13. If you spend significant time helping your **family** (cleaning, cooking, repair work, ranch work, sibling/elder care, animal care), please list your top 3 responsibilities at home and how many hours per week you spend on those responsibilities. *
Example: Care of two younger siblings (6 hours per week)

Financial Information

We strive to select students who need our scholarships to attend college. All financial information that you provide will be utilized to assess need and will be kept strictly confidential.

We invite you to complete this section with your advisor. Please list the cost of attendance and all aid for the college listed above FOR THE YEAR. Sometimes the websites or student portals list information by the semester so make sure you do the math to determine the YEARLY cost of attendance and your YEARLY aid.

14. Did you complete the FAFSA for 2025-2026 and is it correct by your understanding? If not, please explain. *

15. Please list your SAI (Student Aid Index) from your FAFSA. You can find this by logging into your submitted FAFSA. *

16. Tuition and Fees (full year) *

17. Room and Board (on or off campus | full year) *

18. Books (full year) *

19. Transportation/Personal Expenses (full year) *

20. Total Cost of the following: *

Tuition and Fees (full year)

Room and Board (full year)

Books (full year)

Transportation/Personal Expenses (full year)

21. Total GRANT money offered to you by your college listed above *

*please write out the name of the grant and the amount

Example: Colorado Student Grant--\$2,400 a year

22. Total SCHOLARSHIP money offered to you by your college listed above *

*please list the name of the scholarship and the amount

Example: CSU Mike Stratton Scholarship--\$5,000 a year

23. Total LOAN money offered to you through your college *

*please write the name of the loan and amount

Example: Direct Subsidized Loan--\$3,500 a year

24. Did you receive work study? If so, how much? *

25. List any other money that you anticipate for college including help from family, friends, college funds, etc. (Have a conversation with your parents/guardians.) *

If you are established as "Independent" or McKinney-Vento through your school indicate that as well.

26. Total resources (NOT INCLUDING LOANS) that you will have to help pay for school: *

Grant Money

Scholarship Money

Other financial help as listed above

Again, do not include loans that have been offered to you

27. Total Need: Subtract your "Total Resources" (from the previous question) from the "Total Cost" you listed above. *

28. Statement of Financial Need: Please share anything about your family financial situation and/or your financial situation that will help us understand your need for college scholarship assistance. (approximately 250 words) *

29. Are you considered "independent" according to **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) guidelines, or do you meet the eligibility criteria under the **McKinney-Vento Act**? *

*This question is in relation to students who do not have guardians or have unstable housing situations. If you feel that you have a complex situation that requires additional support, give us a call at 970.903.7753. You can also call Wendy Allsbrook Javier at the Durango Education Foundation at 970.769.7600 or talk directly to your academic or social/emotional support advisor at the school. Any of the statuses require documentation which we can help you get in order.

To learn more about the FAFSA requirements for students with unusual circumstances and general dependency questions [check out this page](#).

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other: _____

Scholarship Essay

Choose ONE of the prompts from below and answer it. You only need to answer ONE of the prompts below.

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30. PROMPT A:

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure (your example can be big or small). How did it affect you and what did you learn from the experience? On the same note, convince us that you are determined to persevere in college until you graduate and that you need this scholarship to do so. (500-750 words)

31. PROMPT B:

Write about your future career plans, what steps you have taken toward that goal, and how you have given back to your community. On the same note, convince us that you are determined to persevere in college until you graduate and that you need this scholarship to do so. (500-750 words)

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TRIO Talent Search Alumni Scholarship Application

- Applicants must be alumni of the TRIO Talent Search program and have graduated from Cortez, Mancos, Durango, Ignacio, or Pagosa Springs High Schools
- All scholarship recipients must be enrolled in college for the Fall 2025 semester
- Students already receiving a Moniker Scholarship through TRIO Talent Search are not eligible for these scholarships
- All scholarship recipients must fill out scholarship agreements, agreeing to any specific terms and expectations of the scholarship they are awarded
- All scholarship recipients must write a thank you note to the donor or organization that sponsored the scholarship they were awarded
- Successful scholarship applicants will be awarded a scholarship that best matches with their academic plans, career plans, personal background and/or college attended

32. Name (First and Last) *

33. Student ID Number *

34. Personal Cell Phone *

35. Personal Email *

36. School Email *

37. High school you graduated from *

38. Who was your TRIO advisor *

39. High school graduation year *

40. Please select the statements that apply to you: *

Check all that apply.

☐ I have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and I will be a sophomore, junior, or senior in fall of 2025 (juniors and seniors are given priority)

☐ I am a former participant of the Talent Search program, and have demonstrated strong service leadership

☐ I am a former participant of the Talent Search program, and am one year (or less) away from completing my associate or bachelor's degree

☐ I am a former participant of the Talent Search program, and am enrolled in a post-bachelor degree program (graduate studies)

Alumni Academic Record/Class Standing

41. In Fall 2025, I will be a *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

☐ Other:

42. Your cumulative GPA *

43. Name of your College for 2025-2026 *

44. Name of your major *

45. Check all that apply *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ I am a participant of a Student Support Services TRIO program (college level TRIO)
- ☐ I am NOT a participant of a Student Support Services TRIO program
- ☐ There is no TRIO Student Support Services program on my campus

Alumni Financial Aid

46. Have you completed/submitted your FAFSA for 2025-2026? *

47. If you have completed FAFSA, please list your most recent SAI (Student Aid Index) *

48. If you do not feel that your SAI accurately reflects your financial need, or if there are any other financial circumstances that you would like us to take into consideration, please feel free to elaborate. *

Alumni Essay

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49. What is your future career plan, what recent steps have you taken toward that goal, how have you given back to your community, and why are you in need of financial assistance to help you complete your degree? *

Transcript Upload | Senior and Alumni

Please upload your transcript. It can be unofficial but it does need to show the most recent semesters final grades that you have.

Note: An official transcript may be required before funding is distributed for the scholarships

50. Academic Transcript (unofficial is fine) *

Files submitted:

Thank you!

Congrats! You have submitted your TRIO Talent Search scholarship application form. Please feel free to give our office a call to confirm that we have received your application. You can also give us a call or email us with any questions you may have:

970-903-7753

triotalentsearch@fortlewis.edu

GOOD WORK! YOU DID IT!!!!

51. Finally, these scholarship donations are made by family members who care deeply about our community, the people they are memorializing through these gifts, and about your future opportunities as students. Please leave a short thank you (3 sentences at most) for our donors to let them know that you appreciate them. Your comments will be compiled and given to them in a card at the end of the competition! *

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