

# TRiO Policies (02/08/2021KLS)

## TRiO Participation

- TRiO aims to provide the opportunity for TRiO students to participate in an array of activities, workshops, and trips. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of whatever services support your overall academic growth.
- In order to be eligible to attend TRiO workshops and activities, apply for trips, borrow textbooks and/or a laptop, and receive mentoring, counseling and advising, you must meet with your TRiO advisor at least once a semester.
- Your TRiO eligibility at MU only expires if you: 1) graduate, transfer from, or leave MU for any reason, 2) opt out of TRiO, or 3) are not currently enrolled in courses at MU.

## Scholarship Eligibility

Eligibility for the \$650+ scholarship each academic year is as follows:

- Must have a QPA of at least 2.5
- Must be a Pell Grant recipient
- Must complete at least 20 TRiO contact hours
- Must complete the following class rank requirements as listed on the Individual Success Plan (ISP):
  - **Freshmen with less than 30 earned credits:**
    - Freshmen must have at least one meeting with their TRiO Advisor each semester; two meetings with their TRiO Peer Mentor (at least 30 minutes each) each semester, attend Transition Talks and a Financial Literacy workshop along with any other approved hours by TRiO.
  - **Sophomores with 30-60 credits:**
    - Sophomores must have at least one meeting with their TRiO Advisor each semester; two meetings with a Peer Mentor each semester along with any other approved hours by TRiO.
  - **Juniors with 60–89 credits:**
    - Juniors must have at least one meeting with their TRiO Advisor each semester and a Graduate School Preparation and Graduate School Visitation along with any other approved hours by TRiO.
  - **Seniors with 90+ credits:**
    - Seniors must have at least one meeting with their TRiO Advisor each semester and Financial Aid Repayment/Financial Literacy workshop, GRE and Standardized Test Prep workshop, Graduate School Visitation, and Senior Professional Development seminar along with any other approved hours by TRiO.
- Note - If a student misses the *overnight* TRiO trip for which they were scheduled to attend, and does not contact TRiO staff by the day/time listed for the trip, they will be ineligible to receive the scholarship for that semester. Any exceptional cases will be reviewed at the discretion of the TRiO staff.

## Participation in TRiO Activities

- RSVP events involve cost for supplies, food, transportation, etc. Students who are a “no show” for reserved activities, workshops, and trips prevent waitlisted students from attending.
- Cancellations are expected by the day/time listed for each event (typically 24 hours’ notice.)
- Students who do not cancel will be ineligible to attend the next 3 TRiO sponsored programs regardless of when they are scheduled. They will also not be permitted to attend the overnight trip that year. Any exceptional cases will be reviewed at the discretion of the TRiO staff.
- Students who do not cancel a TRiO *overnight* TRiO will be ineligible to receive the scholarship for that semester as well as be ineligible to attend the next 3 TRiO sponsored trips regardless of when they are scheduled. Any exceptional cases will be reviewed at the discretion of the TRiO staff.