

TRIO

TRIO-Student Support Services

TRIO-Student Support Services (TRIO-SSS) is a federally funded grant program through the U.S. Department of Education that provides support for students in meeting their academic, personal, career and other education-related goals. To qualify, participants must be enrolled at COM and be in need of academic support. In addition, the student must meet at least one of the following:

1. Be a first-generation college student (neither parent has a four-year college degree),
2. Meet income guidelines,
3. Be homeless,
4. Be a foster child, or
5. Have a disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

To obtain information about the program and application process, call 409-933-8525; or go to the TRIO website at <https://www.com.edu/trio/trio-student-support-services/index.html> (<https://www.com.edu/trio/trio-student-support-services/>).

All available services are free to qualified applicants and include:

- Academic advising
- Career counseling
- Financial aid information
- Tutorial assistance
- Transfer trips to four-year colleges and universities
- Field trips to cultural events
- Referral to on and off-campus resources
- Orientation to the program and the campus
- College success workshops
- Laptop/Calculator Loan Program
- Financial literacy

TRIO-Upward Bound Program

TRIO-Upward Bound Program (TRIO-UB) is a federally funded TRIO program established by the U.S. Department of Education that provides support for high school students in meeting their academic, personal, career and other education-related goals. To qualify, students must:

- Be currently attending: Dickinson High School, Hitchcock High School, La Marque High School or Texas City High School,
- Be at least 13 years old,
- Have completed 8th grade but have not completed the 12th grade,
- Demonstrate academic potential,
- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. legal resident,
- Meet income guidelines.

Once accepted, a UB student can participate through high school graduation. All services are provided at no cost to participants. Students from eligible high schools should contact the high school counselor, or call 409-933-8525 to obtain information about the program and application process. For more information, see the Upward Bound webpage at www.com.edu/high-school-programs/upward-bound (<https://www.com.edu/trio/trio-upward-bound/>).

All available services are free to qualified applicants and include:

- Academic advising
- Career counseling
- Assistance with college financial aid application
- After school tutorial services
- Educational tours to colleges and universities
- Field trips to cultural events
- Assistance with college entrance exams
- Saturday academic academy
- Laptop/Calculator Loan Program
- Summer Academy
- Financial literacy