

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:

- Registration assistance
- Academic mentoring and coaching
- Career exploration, financial literacy, and student success workshops
- Assistance with financial aid applications
- Academic tutoring in Math and English
- 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
- Access to the Laptop/Calculator Loan Program

TRIO-Upward Bound Program

The Upward Bound Program (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:

- Must have completed the 8th grade
- Be between the ages of 13 and 19
- Have a need for academic support in order to pursue a program of postsecondary education
- Must be either from low-income families and/or be potential first-generation college students
- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. legal resident
- Enrolling in or enrolled at a target school: Dickinson High School, Hitchcock High School, La Marque High School, or Texas City High School

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 instruction in mathematics, laboratory sciences, composition, literature, and foreign languages
- Tutoring
- Academic / Career counseling
- Mentoring
- Cultural enrichment
- Work-study programs (Internships)
- Financial Aid & FAFSA assistance
- Economic & Financial literacy
- College and scholarship application assistance
- SAT & ACT preparation
- Educational tours to colleges and universities
- Monthly Saturday Academies
- Summer Academy with summer bridge