



TRIO Presentation

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TRIO WORKS!

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TRIO History



- TRIO Programs – A National Heritage
 - TRIO Programs are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year
 - As part of the Civil Rights Movement and the War on Poverty, TRIO Programs were created to provide college access to low income, first generation students and provide them with the opportunities and tools to earn college degrees and end the cycle of poverty.
 - The three original TRIO programs were Upward Bound (created in 1964), Talent Search (1965), and Student Support Services (1968). These three programs provided the umbrella term “TRIO”. There are now seven TRIO programs.

TRIO in MnSCU



- Bemidji State University
 - Upward Bound program first funded in 1966 (one of the first TRIO programs in the nation)
 - Still operating
 - Serves over 100 students annually
- There are 69 TRIO projects in Minnesota today. **53 of these projects are hosted at MnSCU institutions.**
- These MnSCU projects receive over \$13 Million in federal funding and serve over 11,500 students per year.



TRIO Programs

- US Department of Education grant programs
- Highly competitive 5-year grants
- Operate under federal legislation and regulations (Higher Education Act, OMB Circulars, EDGAR)
- Each program has standardized objectives
- Held accountable by Annual Performance Reports to the US Department of Education

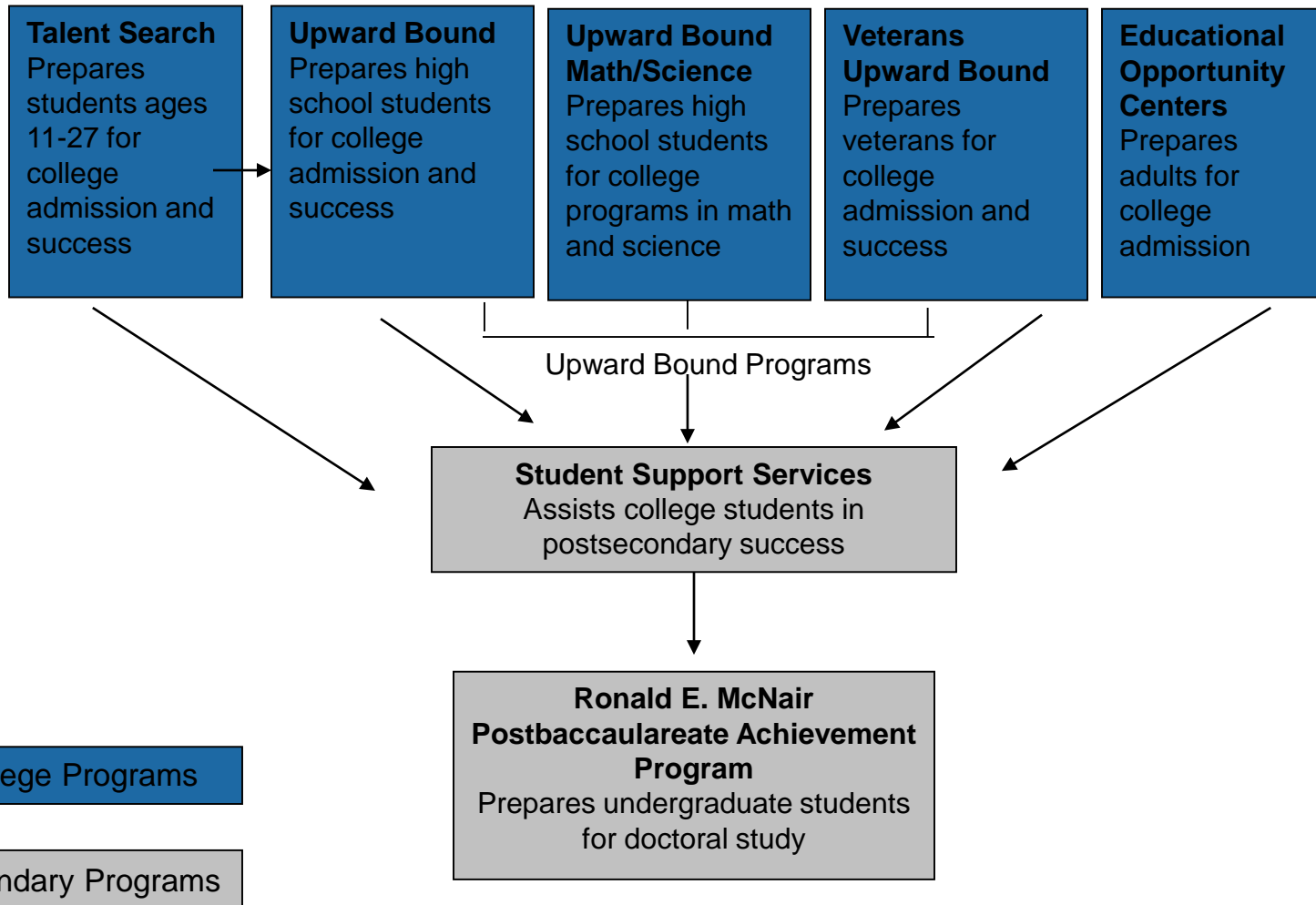
Who is Eligible to be a TRIO Participant?

- **Designed for students/persons who historically and statistically do not attend or complete college**
- **Low Income**
 - Determined by federal income guidelines and family's taxable income; must not exceed 150% of federal poverty level
 - (Family of 4 eligible if taxable income does not exceed \$35,775)
- **First Generation**
 - Neither parent has a baccalaureate degree
- **Students with Disabilities** (applicable to Student Support Services programs)
- **Underrepresented Students in Graduate Education** (applicable to McNair Scholars programs)

7 TRIO Programs

- All 7 Federal TRIO programs are represented in MnSCU
 - TRIO programs serve students from 6th grade through college/doctoral preparation
 - They create a pipeline for college access and success

TRIO Pipeline



Student Success Story

- **Awale Osman**

- His story
- TRIO programs
 - Upward Bound
 - Student Support Services
 - Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement



TRIO Supports MnSCU's Strategic Direction & Goals



Strategic Direction 1:

Increasing access, opportunity and success

GOAL 1.1

Raise Minnesota's participation and achievement in post-secondary education by meeting the needs of students with diverse backgrounds and educational goals.

Of the total number of students served in TRIO programs in 2011-2012:

84% were low income

73% were both low income and first generation

11% were low income only

9% were first generation only

56% were students of color

Strategic Direction 1:

Increasing access, opportunity and success

GOAL 1.2

Prepare young people to enroll in higher education ready for college-level work by working with schools and other organizations.

- Pre-College MnSCU TRIO Participants who enrolled in college
 - Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math Science: **70%**
 - Talent Search: **69%**
 - Educational Opportunity Center participants who enrolled in postsecondary education: **68%**

- College going rate for all 19 year old Minnesotans: **59%**
- College going rate for all low income 19 year old Minnesotans: **39%**

(2010, Postsecondary Education Opportunity – Pell Institute research newsletter)

Strategic Direction 1:

Increasing access, opportunity and success

GOAL 1.4

Support students to reach their educational goals with a focus on graduation or transfer.

- Of 2-year and 4-year MnSCU institutions, SSS participants who persisted (enrolled, transferred, or graduated the following year): **87%**
- Of 2-year MnSCU institutions, SSS participants who started new in the 2008-09 academic year **who graduated** with an associate's degree or certificate within 4 years: **40%**
- Case study: Century College 2010 cohort 3 year grad rate:
 - SSS students: **39%**
 - Non SSS eligible: **20%**
 - Eligible/not in SSS: **14%**

Strategic Direction 1:

Increasing access, opportunity and success

GOAL 1.4

Support students to reach their educational goals with a focus on graduation or transfer.

- Of 4-year MnSCU institutions, SSS participants who started new in the 2006-07 academic year who graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6 years: **53%**
- Pell recipients earning a bachelor's degree within 6 years: **19.5%**
 - 2009 Pell Institute longitudinal study (national data)

Strategic Direction 2:

Achieve high-quality learning through a commitment to academic excellence and accountability

GOAL 2.2

Produce graduates who have strong, adaptable, globally competitive and flexible skills.

- TRIO programs provide:
 - Bridge Programs
 - Holistic Advising
 - Supplemental Instruction
 - Extended Orientation Programs
 - Career Development

Strategic Direction 2:

Achieve high-quality learning through a commitment to academic excellence and accountability

GOAL 2.4

Employ outstanding faculty and staff who bring current knowledge, professional skills and cultural competence to educate students.

- There are approximately **200** TRIO staff in **25** MnSCU schools.
- TRIO staff are the thought leaders for college access and opportunity.
- The Department of Education, MN TRIO Association, MAEOPP, and the Council for Opportunity in Education offer multiple professional development opportunities each year for educational opportunity staff & faculty.

MN TRIO Association

- Established in 1984
- Professional organization of educational opportunity program personnel focused on advocacy for TRIO programs and providing professional development on issues affecting educational access, retention, and completion.
- A chapter of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP), which is a chapter of the national organization, the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE)
- Operated by an elected board and **averages 165 members**.
- Implements Annual Professional Conferences & TRIO Days for students; Provides scholarships; Advocates on Capitol Hill
- The data presented is collected by the MN TRIO Association.

Questions

