

# 2022 Pennsylvania TRIO Fact Book



*University of Pittsburgh TRIO Student Support Services students celebrate graduation.*

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# PA TRIO ~ Fueling America's Educational Imperative

## *Serving PA Students*



District 2 =	2 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$770,202	Participants Served: 595
District 3 =	10 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$3,574,347	Participants Served: 2,693
District 4 =	1 TRIO Program	Funding: \$312,480	Participants Served: 63
District 5 =	6 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$1,910,976	Participants Served: 849
District 6 =	3 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$955,523	Participants Served: 225
District 7 =	1 TRIO Program	Funding: \$495,208	Participants Served: 100
District 8 =	3 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$1,686,570	Participants Served: 3,358
District 9 =	7 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$2,497,935	Participants Served: 1,000
District 10 =	1 TRIO Program	Funding: \$525,349	Participants Served: 947
District 12 =	9 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$3,018,192	Participants Served: 1873
District 13 =	1 TRIO Program	Funding: \$261,888	Participants Served: 140
District 14 =	6 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$2,027,349	Participants Served: 866
District 15 =	6 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$2,645,152	Participants Served: 1,547
District 16 =	7 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$2,022,847	Participants Served: 1,479
District 18 =	3 TRIO Programs	Funding: \$883,885	Participants Served: 475

**66** Total Programs **\$25,587,903** Total Funding **16,210** Total Students Served

# What is PA TRIO?

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. In *Pennsylvania* alone, 16,210 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities — from sixth grade through college graduation — are served by 66 programs. TRIO programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention. TRIO programs provide direct support services for students, and relevant training for directors and staff.

## Why Are These Programs So Important?

The United States needs to boost both its academic and economic competitiveness globally. In order to foster and maintain a healthy economy as well as compete internationally, the United States needs a strong, highly-educated, and competent workforce. To be on par with other nations, the country needs students, no matter their background, who are academically prepared and motivated to achieve success.

## The Federal TRIO Programs ~ So Many More Than Three!

- Educational Opportunity Centers
- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound Math & Science
- Veterans Upward Bound
- Student Support Services
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement

Although the name TRIO initially came into use after the first three programs were authorized under the Higher Education Act, there are currently eight distinct programs that comprise the federal TRIO programs, seven of which provide services to students and an eighth that provides training to the TRIO program staff who serve the students. Each plays a unique role in providing educational opportunity for eligible students.

## PA TRIO

### Programs Funded for 2022: 66

#### *Pre-Collegiate Programs:*

Educational Opportunity Centers— 1  
Educational Talent Search— 11  
Upward Bound— 20  
Upward Bound Math and Science— 5  
Veterans Upward Bound— 1

#### *Collegiate Programs:*

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate— 2  
Student Support Services— 24  
Student Support Services Disability – 1  
Student Support Services STEM - 1

# Educational Opportunity Centers

**Purpose:** The Educational Opportunity Centers program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions (U.S. Department of Education).

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Academic advising
- ★ Personal counseling
- ★ Career workshops
- ★ Information on postsecondary educational opportunities and student financial assistance
- ★ Help in completing applications for college admissions, testing, and financial aid
- ★ Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students
- ★ Coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions; media activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities

## Pennsylvania Programs:

- [EOC of Pennsylvania](#)

Funded to Serve 2,233 Students



At EOC of PA, students listen intently to a presentation from Job Corp.

“After 30 successful years as a representative, [Sandra’s] company decided to downsize due to the economy and Sandra’s job was cut. With no idea of what to do and living well below the means she was used to, Sandra signed up for an Intro to Financial Aid Workshop at her local CareerLink. She met individually to talk with her EOC Academic Specialist about some thoughts she was having, beginning their meeting by saying ‘I want to get a degree. It’s just something I want for myself and to show my kids they can do it.’ Together the academic specialist and Sandra explored her interests and she decided she would like to become a personal trainer and then attend school to pursue a degree in nutrition or exercise science. *Sandra is well on her way!* She is currently finishing up her personal trainer certification and is in the process of applying to schools!”

EOC of Pennsylvania Staff

# Educational Talent Search

**Purpose:** Talent Search is primarily an early intervention TRIO program that provides academic, career and financial counseling to its participants. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youths aged 11-18 from disadvantaged backgrounds and high school dropouts until the age of 27 to complete high school and postsecondary education (U.S. Department of Education).

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Academic, financial, career, or personal counseling including advice on entry or re-entry to secondary or postsecondary programs
- ★ Career exploration and aptitude assessment
- ★ Tutorial services
- ★ Information on postsecondary education
- ★ Exposure to college campuses
- ★ Information on student financial assistance
- ★ Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications
- ★ Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- ★ Mentoring programs
- ★ Special activities for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders
- ★ Workshops for the families of participants

## Pennsylvania Programs

[Clarion University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Educational Opportunity Centers, Inc / ETS](#)

[Gannon University](#)

[Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit](#)

[Pennsylvania State University - 3 Programs](#)

[Philadelphia Education Fund - 3 Programs](#)

[University of Pennsylvania](#)

Funded to Serve 7,173 Students



**Pennsylvania State University Talent Search** students visit Millersville University to plan for the future.

“Talent Search was very helpful in providing resources for my college search. The brochures, workshops, field trips, and other college planning material helped me narrow my choices and make the decision to attend a four-year institution. I would definitely recommend the program to other students. It offers excellent support and makes the transition to college smoother.”

Vernon S.

Penn State University Talent Search Program

Farrell High School Graduate

West Virginia University Graduate

# Upward Bound

**Purpose:** Upward Bound provides intensive academic support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. Students must have completed the eighth grade and between the ages of 13 and 19, enrolled in high school, planning to go to college and need the services to fulfill their goals. The overall goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. Upward Bound programs also provide a six-week summer experience on a college campus to acclimate and prepare students for college entrance (U.S. Department of Education).

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Instruction in math, laboratory science, composition, literature, foreign language, study skills, reading, and writing
- ★ Academic, financial, and personal counseling
- ★ Exposure to academic programs and cultural events
- ★ Tutorial services
- ★ Mentoring programs
- ★ Information on postsecondary education opportunities; assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications
- ★ Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- ★ Work study positions to expose participants to careers requiring a postsecondary degree

## Pennsylvania Programs

[Bloomsburg University](#)

[California University of Pennsylvania - 2 Programs](#)

[Clarion University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Community College of Philadelphia](#)

[East Stroudsburg University](#)

[Greater Erie Community Action Committee](#)

[Harcum College](#)

[Kutztown University](#)

[Lincoln University – 2 Programs](#)

[LULAC National Education Service Centers, Inc.](#)

[Montgomery County Community College](#)

[Pennsylvania State University](#)

[Pennsylvania State University - Upward Bound Migrant](#)

[Reading Area Community College](#)

[Saint Francis University](#)

[Temple University](#)

[University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Wilkes University](#)

[YMWIC Foundation, Inc.](#)

Funded to Serve 1,686 Students

Students from Bloomsburg University  
Upward Bound program studying on  
campus during the summer.



“Basically, **Upward Bound** changed my life. When I first came, I was in my comfort zone. They absolutely don’t want that. They are like my family because they are so inviting. They changed so many things in my life, such as my grades in English class. I used to struggle in my English class but now I am an *A* student in that class as well as all my other classes. **Other things that changed include attitude, my time management skills, my work ethic, and one thing that they taught me to do was to do my best and to get into college.** I thank them for that because Upward Bound has changed my life and I certainly look forward to continuing with them in the program until I graduate and maybe even after. Please fund Upward Bound so I and others can continue with a greater education.”

Nathaniel C.

East Stroudsburg University

# Upward Bound Math and Science

**Purpose:** The Upward Bound Math and Science program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession (U. S. Department of Education).

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Exposure to academic programs and cultural events
- ★ Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school
- ★ Academic, financial, or personal counseling
- ★ Tutorial services
- ★ Mentoring programs
- ★ Information on postsecondary education opportunities
- ★ Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications
- ★ Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- ★ Information on the full range of Federal Student Financial Aid programs and benefits
- ★ Guidance and assistance on secondary school reentry or alternative education programs; entry into general educational development programs or postsecondary education

## Pennsylvania Programs

[Indiana University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit](#)

[Pennsylvania State University](#)

[Temple University](#)

[University of Pennsylvania](#)

Funded to Serve 279 Students



Upward Bound Math and Science students from IUP prepare their field research posters during summer experience.

“One thing I enjoyed most about the UBMS program was the people such as our mentors, coordinator, directors, and friends. I really enjoyed all the experiences we had and how everyone was really nice.”

UBMS Student from  
Penn State University

# Veterans Upward Bound

**Purpose:** Veterans Upward Bound is designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education. The program provides assessment and enhancement of basic skills through counseling, mentoring, tutoring and academic instruction in the core subject areas. The primary goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants enroll in and complete postsecondary education programs (U.S. Department of Education).

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Intensive basic skills development in those academic subjects required for successful completion of a high school equivalency program and admission to PSE programs
- ★ Short-term remedial or refresher classes for veterans who are high school graduates but have delayed pursuing a PSE education
- ★ Academic, financial, and personal counseling
- ★ Exposure to academic programs and cultural events
- ★ Tutorial services
- ★ Information on postsecondary education opportunities
- ★ Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications
- ★ Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- ★ Assistance in securing veterans services from other locally available resources

## Pennsylvania Program

[University of Pennsylvania](#)

Funded to Serve 160 Students



"I am more prepared, more organized, and more focused as a result of the preparation from VUB, which is how a successful college student should be."

Charles H.  
University of Pennsylvania



VUB students from The University of Pennsylvania attending the 2018 Veterans Upward Bound Graduation Ceremony.

# Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement

**Purpose:** The Ronald E. McNair program prepares students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential. Institutions work closely with participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements. Institutions encourage participants to enroll in graduate programs. Their progress is tracked through to the successful completion of advanced degrees. The goal is to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society (U.S. Department of Education).

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Research opportunities for participants who have completed their sophomore year of college
- ★ Mentoring
- ★ Summer internships
- ★ Tutoring
- ★ Academic counseling
- ★ Assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate programs
- ★ Seminars and other scholarly activities designed to prepare students for doctoral studies

## Pennsylvania Programs

[Gannon University](#)

[Penn State University](#)

Funded to Serve 59 Students



Pennsylvania State University McNair scholars and program staff gather together during the National Penn State McNair Summer Research Conference on the University Park campus.

# Student Support Services

**Purpose:** The goal of the Student Support Services program is to increase the academic standing, college retention and graduation rates of participants. SSS projects also may provide grant aid to current participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants. (U.S. Department of Education)

## Services Provided by the Program Include:

- ★ Academic tutoring / advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection
- ★ Information on student financial aid programs and scholarships; assistance in completing financial aid applications
- ★ Education or counseling to improve financial and economic literacy
- ★ Assistance in applying to graduate and professional programs
- ★ Individualized personal, career, and academic counseling
- ★ Exposure to cultural events and mentoring

## Pennsylvania Programs

[Bloomsburg University](#)

[California University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Carlow University](#)

[Cheyney University of Pennsylvania – 2 programs](#)

[Clarion University of Pennsylvania](#)

[Commonwealth Technical Institute/ Hiram G. Andrews Center](#)

[Community College of Philadelphia](#)

[Gannon University](#)

[Harcum College](#)

[Kutztown University](#)

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[Neumann University](#)

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[Pennsylvania State University Greater Allegheny](#)

[Pennsylvania State University Wilkes Barre](#)

[Reading Area Community College](#)

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[Seton Hill University](#)

[Susquehanna University](#)

[University of Pennsylvania](#)

[University of Pittsburgh](#)

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[Westminster College](#)

[Westmoreland County Community College](#)

Funded to Serve 4,620 Students



Students from the **SSS program at Penn State Greater Allegheny** meet Mr. Lee at the performance of "How I Learned What I Learned" by August Wilson in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"I wanted something better for myself. TRIO has helped me a lot. **Honestly, if it wasn't for TRIO, I probably wouldn't be here.** Being a college student, my main goal is to stay focused and to graduate. There is no exact blueprint for success. But, TRIO will help you stay focused. I think that is one of the key factors if you want to be successful."

Jose O.

Student Support Services  
Mansfield University

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