

WHAT IS TRIO?

Federal TRIO Programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans' Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program) help students to overcome economic, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education.

WHO DO THE PROGRAMS SERVE?

TRIO students are mostly low-income and the first in their families to go to college. Nationwide, there are over 3,500 TRIO programs which serve nearly 857,000 low-income students ranging from 6th grade through adult education.

WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Giving a helping hand to low-income students is both the right thing to do and in our national self-interest. Too many promising, even brilliant students grow up in low-income surroundings with little family wealth to help smooth their paths. Helping them is a significant investment; the United States needs students of every background who are academically prepared and motivated to achieve success to remain competitive with other nations.

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY!

PHONE

Call the capitol at **202-224-3121** to ask your representatives to support education for low-income and first-generation individuals in Montana!

EMAIL

Visit congress.gov/members to view the directory, who your representatives are and send them an email or letter

SOCIAL MEDIA

Use the **#TRIOWorks** hashtag to show your love of TRIO and consider tagging your representatives

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[HTTPS://MONTANATRIO.COM/](https://montanatrio.com/)

TRIO'S SERVICE TO MONTANA

Montana is home to 29 TRIO grants. TRIO program offices exist in 13 Montana cities, but some programs serve Montanans located anywhere in the state.

Montana has TRIO programs that serve students 6th-12th grade students, veterans, veteran families, college students, and adults who want to complete their GED/HiSet or continue to higher education.



8,152 Montanans served each year



\$9,604,769 annually in federal grant awards to boost education in Montana



Proven effectiveness

BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PARTICIPANTS ARE **47% MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE A TWO-YEAR DEGREE OR TRANSFER**, AND **18% MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE** THAN SIMILAR NONPARTICIPANTS

TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS ARE **33% MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE** THAN THOSE FROM THE BOTTOM INCOME QUARTILE

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND PARTICIPANTS ARE **42% MORE LIKELY THAN THEIR PEERS TO EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITHIN SIX YEARS**

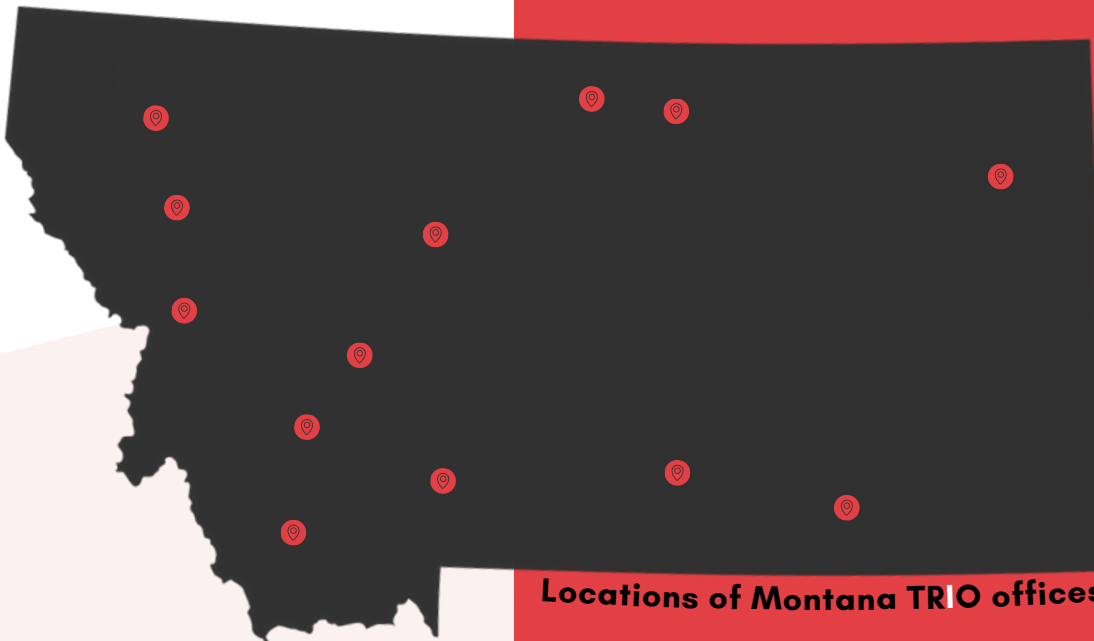
WHAT'S NEXT

TRIO is facing possible **elimination**.

The Federal TRIO Programs, which have helped millions of low-income, first-generation students – including veterans, adult learners, and students with disabilities – succeed in higher education for over 60 years, are at risk of being eliminated. Some individuals have claimed that “access to college is not the obstacle it was for students of limited means.” However, we know that this is not the case.

Interested in supporting the education of Montana's most vulnerable individuals?

Advocate for TRIO!



Locations of Montana TRIO offices