University of Pittsburgh

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) APPLICATION 2026-2027

TRIO SSS at the University of Pittsburgh is a federally funded TRIO program. The program is designed to assist students who are first-generation and/or income-eligible or who have a documented disability in finishing their bachelor's degree.

Name: _____ _____ _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ _____ _____ _____
Street City State Zip Code

Cell Phone Number: _____**Home or Parent/Guardian Cell:** _____
☐ Please check here if you do NOT wish to receive text messages.

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ **Gender ID:** Male_____ Female _____
M D Y Other_____

PeopleSoft ID Number: _____ **Pitt Email Address:** _____

Ethnicity
☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (select one or more)
☐ American Native/Alaskan Native ☐ Black/African American
☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ White

Are you a **U.S. citizen or permanent resident**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you plan to register with the **Office of Disability Resources and Services**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are/were you active in the **military**? ☐ Yes Branch: _____ ☐ No

Have you previously participated in a **TRIO program**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If **yes**, indicate the program(s) below in which you participated:

☐ Upward Bound ☐ Upward Bound Math/Science ☐ Veterans Upward Bound ☐ McNair
☐ Talent Search ☐ SSS ☐ Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)

Please specify the name of the college, university, or agency that hosted the TRIO program(s) in which you participated:

_____

<u>Academic Background</u> – Complete ONLY the section below that applies to you.

University of Pittsburgh First-Year Student during the 2026-2027 Academic Year

High School: _____

Intended Major: _____ Status: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Are you interested in pursuing a degree beyond the bachelor's level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current University of Pittsburgh Student (second year or above – Fall 2026)

Major: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Are you interested in pursuing a degree beyond the bachelor's level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Incoming Transfer Student (Fall 2026)

College/University transferring from: _____

Major: _____ Status: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Are you interested in pursuing a degree beyond the bachelor's level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Short Answer Question

What most interests you about becoming a TRIO SSS Scholar? Write a paragraph below, or feel free to attach a separate sheet if desired.

University of Pittsburgh TRIO Student Support Services Eligibility Verification Form

(Please do not leave blank spaces on this form; omitting information delays the processing of your application.)

According to federal policy (Higher Education Act (e) (1)), ***TRIO SSS must be able to provide documentation of a student's eligibility*** *for the program to the U.S. Department of Education.* ***If requested in the event of a federal audit, participants and their parents/guardians may be asked to provide copies of tax returns to document the financial information below.***

First-Generation Status

☐ **I am** a first-generation college student because neither of my parents (natural or adoptive) with whom I reside has completed a four-year (Bachelor's) degree.

☐ I am **NOT** a first-generation college student because my mother/guardian, with whom I reside, graduated with a four-year (Bachelor's) degree from a college or university.

☐ I am **NOT** a first-generation college student because my father/guardian, with whom I reside, graduated with a four-year (Bachelor's) degree from a college or university.

Financial Eligibility

You are a dependent if you are claimed on your parents'/guardians' tax return. Please fill out the following information for you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).

_____ Number of people in your household (including yourself)

$_____ Parent(s)/guardian(s) actual or estimated **Total Taxable Income** from the most recently filed tax form. If a Form 1040 form was filed for 2025, refer to line 15 for Taxable Income.

$_____ Your actual or estimated **Total Taxable Income** from the most recently filed tax form. If a Form 1040 tax form was filed for 2025, refer to line 15 for Taxable Income.

☐ Check here if your parent(s)/guardian(s) (dependent students) **did not or will not file** federal taxes for 2025.

☐ Check here if YOU as an independent student did not or will not file federal taxes for 2025.

Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address: _____

If you are not able to scan/email back a signed copy, we can obtain your signature via DocuSign with this email address.

Certification Statement

By signing below, I/we verify that the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. This information will be kept confidential in a secure location and used only by TRIO SSS staff to verify eligibility for the services of the program upon admission.

_____ _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

For University of Pittsburgh SSS Staff Only

Not Eligible	LI/FG	FG	LI	D	D/LI	D/FG

Director's Initials: _____ Date: _____ SSS Advisor Assigned: _____

University of Pittsburgh TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)
Services and Activities Assessment

Below is a list of services and activities available through SSS at the University of Pittsburgh. Please mark any topic about which you would like to learn more. The SSS program will use this assessment to determine your interest in/need for our services. **Please check all that apply**.

Career Exploration

- ☐ Choosing major(s) and/or career(s)
- ☐ Career assessment tools (Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator, Strong Interest Inventory, etc.)
- ☐ Resume, cover letter, and/or reference list creation
- ☐ Internship/career search process
- ☐ Interview skills
- ☐ Graduate school planning/visits
- ☐ Networking/ Connections to upper-level students and/or alumni in your chosen major/field

Academic Information

- ☐ Academic advising/help with course selection/mapping out your plan for graduation
- ☐ Time management strategies and/or organizational skills in a university setting
- ☐ Taking college-level exams
- ☐ Test anxiety
- ☐ Note taking for college level classes
- ☐ Learning styles
- ☐ Academic tutoring (List subjects): _____

Other Services/Activities

- ☐ Financial literacy/budgeting
- ☐ Financial aid advising
- ☐ Wellness/health resources information
- ☐ Stress management
- ☐ Leadership development
- ☐ Volunteering/community service

Cultural Enrichment/Social Activities/Meeting Other Students

- ☐ Attend plays, musicals, and/or other performances
- ☐ Participate in athletics/physical activities/exercise
- ☐ Spend time in nature/outdoors
- ☐ Watch movies/television
- ☐ Read or be in a book club
- ☐ Listen to music
- ☐ Write/journal
- ☐ Craft, paint, draw, or other artistic activities
- ☐ Play board games
- ☐ Play video games
- ☐ Engage in meditation, yoga, or other mindfulness activities
- ☐ Teach myself new things such as languages, computer programs, etc.

Please list any other areas of interest: _____

How to Submit Your Application

(Feel free to remove this page before returning the application if you prefer!)

First, check to be sure it is complete! Is the:

- ☐ Eligibility verification signed (either a "real" signature or DocuSign only please)?
- ☐ Number of people in household and taxable income listed?
- ☐ Services and Activities Assessment done?

Next, TRIO SSS Applications may be submitted by mail, e-mail, or in person using the following instructions:

Mail

Place all application documents into the prepaid envelope or in your own envelope and mail to:

TRIO Student Support Services Program
University of Pittsburgh
Attn: Dr. Michele M. Lagnese
1407 Posvar Hall
230 S. Bouquet St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

E-Mail

1. Save PDF version of application to your desktop
2. Complete the application
3. Print, sign, and scan the application OR use a digital signature through Windows or DocuSign (typed "signatures or signature fonts" **cannot** be accepted)
4. Email completed application to sss@as.pitt.edu

In Person

Deliver your completed application Monday – Friday between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM to:

TRIO Student Support Services Program
University of Pittsburgh
Suite1400 Posvar Hall
230 S. Bouquet St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Website: https://www.triosss.pitt.edu/

Please submit your SSS application by Monday, July 6, 2026, for the best chance of securing a place in this highly competitive, nationally recognized program! Applications are accepted past this date on a rolling basis until the program is full; the program will also operate a wait list. Updates regarding the status of a student's application are sent to the student's Pitt e-mail account. **PLEASE make sure that your application is complete upon submission to avoid a delay in consideration.** If you have any questions about the SSS Program and/or the application process, feel free to contact the SSS Office at (412) 624-6588 or sss@as.pitt.edu. Thank you!

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