



TRIO Student Support Services Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the TRIO Student Support Services Program at University of Detroit Mercy. Please review our eligibility information below.

Eligibility Information

To qualify for TRIO Student Support Services at University of Detroit Mercy applicants **MUST** be:

- Currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment at University of Detroit Mercy as an undergraduate student.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident as defined by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

In addition, those who satisfy the above conditions **MUST ALSO** meet at least **ONE** of the following eligibility criteria:

- First-generation college student
- Income eligible
- Student with a documented disability

TRIO Student Support Services' participation list is limited. Our program serves 140 scholars per year. If the program roster is full, student applicants will be placed on a waiting list and admitted when participant numbers permit. All services are provided at no cost to participants.

Application Process (Completion Time: Approx. 15 mins)

Submit a completed application packet. You will need to complete all sections of the application including the demographic and eligibility information, academic success obstacle self- assessment, and short written response explaining how you expect TRIO SSS to support/enhance your academic and collegiate experience. Our office will contact you with any additional verification forms we may need.

TRIO SSS Scholar Expectations

Once a student is selected as a participant in the program, a TRIO SSS Success Coach will work with student to develop an Academic Success Plan. Scholars are expected to take an active role in the TRIO SSS Program by participating in semester and annual requirements.

Submission Process

Once you have completed the application in its entirety please rename the document before submitting (i.e. TRIO Packet 2022-First and Last Name). Submit via: mail, email, or in-person.

ATTN: TRIO Student Support Services
McNichols Campus Library Room 314
4001 W. McNichols Road
Detroit, MI 48221

What is TRIO SSS?

TRIO Student Support Services is a federally funded program designed to provide underrepresented student populations with academic support, cultural engagement, and personal development programming. TRIO focuses on increasing student persistence and promoting degree completion and realization of career or academic goals.

What services do we provide?

- Scholarships & Assistance w/Scholarship Applications
- Academic Success Planning
- Monthly Workshops
- Mentoring
- Cultural Engagement Visits
- Assistance w/FAFSA
- Service Learning
- Leadership & Professional Development Opportunities
- Graduate School Site Visits
- Graduate/Professional School Preparation
- ...and much more!

Who do we serve?

Student who are U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents who also meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

A student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident as defined by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

1st Generation

A student whose parents have not received a baccalaureate degree, or a student who did not regularly live with or receive support from a parent

Income-Eligible

A student whose family meets federal income eligibility guidelines (taxable household income is below the federally determined guideline, see federal income chart). This information will be verified using the student's FAFSA Student Aid Report and signed statement of income verification.

Students with Disabilities

A student who has a documented disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which will need to be verified by Detroit Mercy's Disability Support Services.





Are You an Independent or Dependent Student?

Please respond to the following questions by responding yes or no.

Will you be 24 or older by Jan. 1 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid? For example, if you plan to start school in August 2021 for the 2021-22 school year, will you be 24 by Jan.1, 2021 (i.e., were you born before Jan1, 1998)?		
Are you married or separated but not divorced?		
Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree this academic year, 2022-2023 (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D. Ed.D., etc.)?		
Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?		
Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?		
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?		
Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?		
At any time since you turned 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?		
Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?		
Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?		

All Applicants for TRIO SSS please select either “independent” or “dependent” based on your responses to the questions above. If you didn’t answer “yes” to any of the questions above, you’re still considered a dependent student for purposes of applying for TRIO Student Support Services even if you don’t live with your parents, are not claimed by your parents on their tax forms or are paying for your own bills and educational expenses.

Independent Student	Dependent Student
If you answered YES to ANY of these questions, then you may be an independent student. You may not be required to provide parental signatures to the remainder of forms in this packet.	If you answered No to ALL these questions, then you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide parental signatures to the remainder of forms in this document



University of Detroit Mercy TRIO Student Support Services Student Intake Form

Student Information

Student Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Male Female Birth Date: _____ Student ID/T#: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Ethnic Background: Hispanic/Latinx: Yes No

Racial Background: (Select all that apply)

American Indian or Alaskan Native

White

Native Hawaiian or Another Pacific Islander

Black or African American

Asian

I am a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident as defined by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Eligibility Assessment

Participants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at Detroit Mercy (DM) and meet at least one of the following criteria in **addition** to being a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. (Select all that apply)

First generation college student: a student whose parents have not received a baccalaureate (4-year) degree, or a student who did not regularly live with or receive support from a parent.

Income eligible: taxable household income is at/below federally determined guidelines. See chart below.

Student with a documented disability: as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and verified by Detroit Mercy’s Office of Disability & Accessibility Support Services.

Have you applied for financial aid? Yes No

Are you receiving the Pell Grant Yes No

Income Verification Statement

Please refer to chart below to see federally determined guidelines. Please provide a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report for the current academic year to verify your income.

Number of Family Members: _____ Family’s Taxable Income from Previous Tax Year: _____

(Taxable income can be found on Form 1040, line 15 and Form 1040-SR, line 15)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$19,320	\$24,135	\$22,230
2	\$26,130	\$32,655	\$30,060
3	\$32,940	\$41,175	\$37,890
4	\$39,750	\$49,695	\$45,720
5	\$46,560	\$58,215	\$53,550
6	\$53,370	\$66,735	\$61,380
7	\$60,180	\$75,255	\$69,210
8	\$66,990	\$83,775	\$77,040



Academic Information

The TRIO Student Support Services Program wants to know how to best serve your needs. Please provide all applicable information to the best of your knowledge.

Do you have a high school diploma? Yes No Do you have a General Education Diploma? Yes No
 Were you dual-enrolled? Yes No If so, what school did you receive credit from? _____
 Date you first started/will start at D: _____ DM Class Standing (F, SO, JR, SR): _____
 Selected Major ("Undecided" if none selected): _____
 Advisor: _____ Do you plan to graduate within 6 years? Yes No
 Do you plan to take 1-18 credits per term at DM? If so, please list your enrollment status: _____
 (Part Time: 1-11 Credits or Full Time: 12 & Up Credits)
 Have you attended college elsewhere? Yes No If yes, how many credits are you transferring? _____
 If yes, what school are you transferring from? _____
 Do you plan to graduate from Detroit Mercy? Yes No

Academic Needs Assessment

Please indicate the areas you may need help with as you make the transition to and through college. Please check a minimum of 2 required services that you would like to receive below.

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| Academic Tutoring | Assistance Completing FAFSA |
| Advising | Financial Literacy Development |
| Information on FAFSA/Scholarship | Graduate School Preparation |

What additional services would you like to receive? (Optional) Select all that apply):

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| Reading and Writing | Study Habits and Note | Test Taking |
| Time Management | Taking | Career Planning |
| Personal Development | Exploring Majors | Other: _____ |
| | Dealing with Stress | |

Statement of Verification

Please check this box to indicate that all information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. By checking this box, you are also acknowledging that you understand that the services listed above are being provided and may change at any time.

Statement of Agreement and Consent

I authorize Detroit Mercy TRIO Student Support Services to gather my standardized testing scores, financial aid reports, transcripts, and other necessary information to provide the services I have requested, and to make reports to the U.S. Department of Education for the re-funding of this program. I also authorize UDM TRIO SSS to obtain periodic reports from my instructors regarding my academic progress for courses in which I am enrolled. I understand that all information will be kept confidential and will be used for the following specified purposes: **Student demographic data and record keeping, program eligibility, program evaluation, student needs assessment, federal reporting, and other administrative purposes.**

I grant UDM TRIO SSS permission to use photographs, quotes, academic accomplishments, statements and/or print my first and last name in any and/or all publications for UDM TRIO SSS.

I have read and agree with the Statement of Verification and the Statement of Agreement and Consent.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent Signature is Required if student is under 18 and/or if student is a dependent. See pg. 3 for verification.)



First Generation & Income Verification Form

Individuals interested in TRIO Student Support Services must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at Detroit Mercy and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Please complete the information below to verify your first-generation eligibility and/or income eligibility. **Please provide a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) for the current academic year to be considered for our program.** The information requested below can be found on you or your family's 2021 income tax returns.

What information is needed?	Yes	No
Did your natural or adoptive parent(s) receive a baccalaureate degree (bachelor's degree from a 4-year institution) prior to you turning 18?		
Did you, prior to the age of 18, regularly reside with and receive support from only one parent , who did not receive a baccalaureate degree (bachelor's degree from a 4-year institution)?		
Did you, prior to the age of 18, not regularly reside with or receive support from a natural or an adoptive parent?		

You will need to locate the following information: **size of family unit, adjusted gross income, and taxable income for the 2021 year.**

What information is needed?	Total amount as shown on 2021 Tax Returns
Number of Family Members	#
Family's Adjusted Gross Income for the 2021 year? (Adjusted Gross Income can be found Line 11(1040-SR) and Line 11(1040).	\$
Family's Taxable Income for the 2021 year? (Taxable income can be found on Line15 (1040-SR) and Line 15 (1040).	\$

State of Verification, Agreement, & Consent

By signing below, I, _____, acknowledge that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that all information will be kept confidential and used for the following purposes: student demographic data and record keeping, program evaluation, student needs assessment, federal reporting, and other administrative purposes.

I have read and agree with the statement of verification, agreement, and consent. **Your independent and dependent status can be found on page 1 of this application packet.** If student is considered a dependent, then at least one parent is **REQUIRED** to sign this document. If student is dependent, only student signature is needed.

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

(Required, if student is a dependent- see page 3)

Academic Success Obstacles:

This form may be used to help you identify academic obstacles and challenges that may get in the way of your success as a college student. Please check all the obstacles that may apply. This inventory will be used to assist you and your TRIO SSS Success Coach identify any possible solutions to help you overcome obstacles.

Study Skills Obstacles

- Poor study habits
- Poor organization
- Poor planning
- Poor prioritization
- Poor time management
- Poor study environment
- Inadequate study time
- Inadequate academic preparation
- Inadequate reading skills
- Inadequate writing
- Inadequate math skills
- Inadequate science skills
- Inadequate subject knowledge
- Poor note taking skills
- Poor concentration
- Unclear educational goals
- Homework overwhelming
- Dislike studying
- Testing skills ineffectual Conflict w/ teacher

Lifestyle Obstacles

- Overextended
- Too much social life
- Too much surfing the net
- Too much social media
- Too much time on electronic games
- Too much time watching shows/video
- Not enough sleep

Family Commitment Obstacles

- Household chores

- Outside Chores
- Too much time working at family business/Farm
- Too much time babysitting siblings

Outside Commitment Obstacles

- Too much time working at a job
- Too much time volunteering
- Religious commitments

Personal Obstacles

- Unclear goals/no goals
- Poor decision-making skills
- Inadequate energy
- Fear of failure
- Previous failure
- Fear of not being perfect
- Feeling stressed
- Feeling pressured
- Feeling anxious
- Feeling sad
- Feeling ambivalent
- Family health concerns
- Family issues
- Relationship worries/breakup
- Social worries/friendship issues
- Value conflicts
- Negative attitude
- Socially uncomfortable/shy
- Mental/physical issues
- Worried about finances
- Worried about college

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



TRIO Student Support Services Program University of Detroit Mercy Authorization to Exchange or Request Information

Student information is confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g. Therefore, your authorization is necessary to permit (a) the release of information concerning your academic progress to your parent(s), guardian(s), or designee and (b) to seek information about your academic progress from teachers, financial aid officers, disability resource officials and/or other university personnel.

The Authorization to Exchange/Request information is for the above stated purpose.

I, _____ hereby authorize the TRIO SSS Program at University of Detroit Mercy to contact either or both of my parent(s), guardian(s), designee and/or professors to exchange/request academic information including but not limited to grades, test scores, and progress reports.

I further authorize TRIO SSS to access my financial aid (FAFSA) information for the purposes of federal reporting and program qualifications.

I understand that this authorization is being used to allow the TRIO SSS program staff and parent(s), guardians(s), designee, instructors, financial aid officials, disability resource officials and university personnel to communicate and work together on your behalf.

I understand that I have a right to be told what information was exchanged.

I affirm that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, if I am not eighteen, I have also included a parent signature.

Signature of Student

(Signature of Parent/Guardian, if necessary)

Signature of TRIO Staff