

TRIO, Talent Search Grant

Program Description

The Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assist participant with the postsecondary application process. Talent Search also encourages persons who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.

Types of Projects

Projects provide tutorial services, career exploration, aptitude assessments, counseling, mentoring programs, workshops, information on postsecondary institutions; education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students; guidance on and assistance in secondary school reentry, alternative education programs for secondary school dropouts, entry into general educational development programs or postsecondary education; and programs and activities previously mentioned that are specially designed for students who are limited English proficient, students from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, students with disabilities, students who are homeless children and youths, students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system or other disconnected students.

Additional Information

Services provided by the program include:

- Academic, financial, career, or personal counseling including advice on entry or re-entry to secondary or postsecondary programs
- Exposure to college campuses
- Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications
- Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- Workshops for the families of participants

Objectives

- (1) *Number of participants.* Whether the applicant provided services to no less than the approved number of participants.
- (2) *Secondary school persistence.* Whether the applicant met or exceeded its objective regarding the continued secondary school enrollment of participants.
- (3) *Secondary school graduation (regular secondary school diploma).* Whether the applicant met or exceeded its objective regarding the graduation of participants served during the project year from secondary school with a regular secondary school diploma in the standard number of years.
- (4) *Secondary school graduation (rigorous secondary school program of study).* whether the applicant met or exceeded its objective regarding the graduation of participants served during the project year who completed a rigorous secondary school program of study.

- (5) *Postsecondary enrollment.* Whether the applicant met or exceeded its objective regarding the participants expected to graduate from high school in the school year who enrolled in an institution of higher education within the time period specified in the approved objective.
- (6) *Postsecondary completion.* Whether the applicant met or exceeded its objective regarding project participants who enrolled in and completed a program of postsecondary education within the number of years specified in the approved objective.

Target Area

- Rancho San Juan High School (200 students)
- Everett Alvarez High School (150 students)
- North Salinas High School (150 students)

Funding

- \$230,00 per year
- 5 year grant
- Serve at least 500 students