

TRIO Funding Alignment

What are TRIO grants?

TRIO programs provide services to students from underserved backgrounds and aim to assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities as they progress from middle school through college. In particular, the Upward Bound and Talent Search programs which are part of the TRIO offerings are well suited for middle and high school students.

- **Upward Bound** provides support to students as they prepare for college entrance; it helps high schoolers succeed in their precollege work and higher education pursuits.
- **Talent Search** supports students with academic, career, and financial counseling and encourages them to graduate from high school and complete postsecondary education.

How is TRIO funding distributed?

Upward Bound and Talent Search funds, which are part of eight overall TRIO programs, are for Institutions of Higher Education, public and private organizations, nonprofit organizations, State Education Agencies, or combinations of such institutions may apply for these competitive grants. As appropriate to the goal of the program, secondary schools may also apply. Upward Bound programs must service students who are aged 13-19 that have a need for academic support. The students served with Talent Search grants must be aged 11-27 and have completed the fifth grade. At least two-thirds of the students for both programs must be low-income, have a high risk of academic failure, and be potential first-generation college students.

How can TRIO funding be used?

TRIO programs (Upward Bound and Talent Search) allow for academic support, counseling, tutoring, assessments, programs that help with career exploration, mentoring services, activities that help students who are limited English proficient or traditionally underrepresented, and programs for middle school students. TRIO programs also help students by providing information about college and the financial aid process.

What ScholarCentric solutions can be part of a TRIO grant?

ScholarCentric's middle and high school materials, technology, and services align well with TRIO (Upward Bound and Talent Search) funding in the following categories: increase student achievement and expectations, implement intervention solutions to raise performance and college readiness, and support students from low-income areas.



- **Success Highways™** develops the critical resiliency skills that are scientifically linked to middle and high school students' academic success. Students with greater resiliency are more intrinsically motivated to do well in school and have greater attendance, behavior, and coursework (ABCs) than their peers. Using *Success Highways* early-warning assessments, educators can learn why students have academic difficulty or success. With *Success Highways* research-based curriculum and capacity-building professional development, teachers can assure that all students gain or maintain the ability to academically succeed.



- **Resiliency Leaders consulting and professional development services** help educators create comprehensive learning environments where students' cognitive and affective needs are met. Working with one or all of ScholarCentric's transformation experts, districts or schools can create professional learning communities geared towards students' academic success.