

Student Support Services



There are 32 Student Support Services programs in 29 colleges and universities across the state serving undergraduate students.

- Students served in 2015-2016: **6,865**
 - **4,223 (62%)** Low income & first generation
 - **3,123 (46%)** Students of color
- Total amount of grant awards: **\$9,625,922**

Primary objectives: To increase college retention and graduation rates of program participants.

Outcomes:

- **87%** of students were in good academic standing.
- **84%** persisted from one year to the next.
- **37%** of students in the 2-year colleges graduated with an associates degree or certificate within 4 years.
- **20%** of students in the 2-year colleges transferred to a 4-year institution after completing an associate's degree or certificate within four years.
- **70%** of students in the 4-year institutions graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6 years.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program



There are currently 5 McNair Scholars programs in 5 colleges and universities across the state serving college students.

- Students served in 2015-2016: **158**
 - **108 (68%)** Low income & first generation
 - **98 (62%)** Students of color (from underrepresented backgrounds)
- Total amount of grant awards: **\$1,206,031**

Primary objective: To increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.

Outcomes:

- **43%** of students who earned a bachelor's degree enrolled in graduate school for Fall 2016, immediately following graduation.
- **93%** of students who started graduate school in Fall 2015 were still enrolled in graduate school in Fall 2016.
- **6%** of students received a doctoral degree within 10 years of obtaining a bachelor's degree.

There are 69 TRIO programs in 31 colleges and universities across the state.

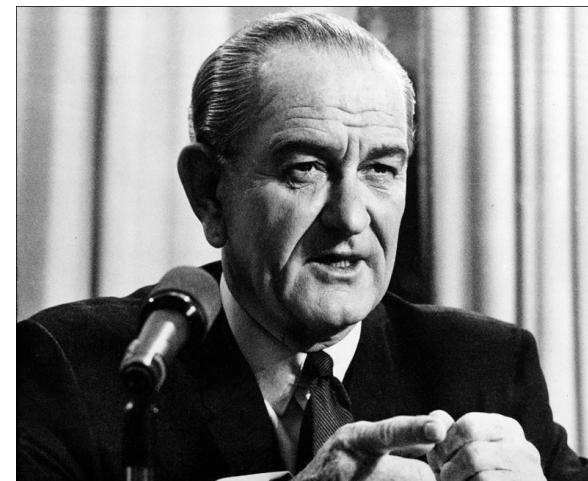
The information in this brochure is a snapshot of all **MN TRIO** program demographics and outcome data for **academic year 2015-2016**.

Total number of participants served: **16,109**

Total number of low income, first generation students served:

- **11,279 (70%)** LI & FG
- **9,240 (57%)** Students of color

Total amount of grant awards: **\$21,570,964**



“Unfortunately, many Americans live on the outskirts of hope—some because of their poverty, and some because of their color, and all too many because of both. Our task is to help replace their despair with opportunity. This administration today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America ... Our aim is not only to relieve the symptom of poverty, but to cure it and, above all, to prevent it. No single piece of legislation, however, is going to suffice.”

—Lyndon B. Johnson, during his “War on Poverty Speech,” January 8, 1964



Minnesota TRIO Programs

Each federally funded TRIO program targets underrepresented students, including low income, first generation students, students with disabilities, and/or students of color. All TRIO programs work to improve access to higher education. These individual programs are:

- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound Math and Science
- Veterans Upward Bound
- Talent Search
- Student Support Services
- Educational Opportunity Centers
- Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

Minnesota Needs TRIO

According to the Minnesota Department of Administration, it is predicted that by the year 2018, close to **70% of jobs will require some postsecondary education**. By 2018, Minnesota is on pace to have the second largest gap *in the nation* between the number of jobs requiring postsecondary education and the number of college educated workers. While the demand for workers with a college education grows, the **fastest growing portion of the population in Minnesota are groups that are historically underrepresented in higher education**. This includes those who are low income and first generation from both urban and rural areas: 60% increase in African American; 50% increase in Asian; 51% increase in 2 or more races; 74% increase in Hispanic/Latino. In addition, people of color in Minnesota are experiencing higher rates of poverty than their US counterparts. **Approximately 28% of Minnesota's population is considered to be low income** (US Census Bureau).

Minnesota needs TRIO to continue to address the barriers to college access in order to keep pace with the changing demographic and socioeconomic trends in the state and provide equitable educational opportunities for all. For more information, please view our website: **www.mntrio.org**.

Talent Search



There are 8 Talent Search programs across 8 colleges and universities serving students in 54 schools across the state.

- Students served in 2015-2016: **4,683**
 - **3,519 (75%)** Low income & first generation
 - **3,113 (67%)** Students of color
- Total amount of grant amounts: **\$2,227,447**

Primary objectives: To increase number of students in the program who persist to complete high school and enroll in and complete postsecondary education.

Outcomes:

- **95%** of seniors in the program graduated with a diploma.
- **75%** of seniors enrolled in postsecondary education.
- **97%** of non-senior participants advanced to the next grade level.



Upward Bound UB Math and Science Veterans UB



There are 25 Upward Bound programs across 21 colleges and universities serving students in 100 high schools across the state.

- Students served in 2015-2016: **1,728**
 - **1,414 (82%)** Low income & first generation
 - **1,084 (63%)** Students of color
- Total amount of grant awards: **\$7,760,506**

Primary objectives: To increase the rate at which students in the program complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Outcomes:

- **87%** of participants who completed a rigorous secondary school program of study and graduated.
- **85%** of seniors were enrolled in postsecondary education.
- **98%** of non-senior program participants will continue to participate in the project.

Educational Opportunity Centers



The Educational Opportunity Center program spreads services across 7 metro area locations to adults in the community.

- Participants served in 2015-2016: **2,745**
 - **2,096 (76%)** Low income & first generation
 - **1,843 (67%)** Students of color
- Total amount of grant award: **\$751,058**

Primary objectives: To increase the number of adult participants who apply for financial aid and enroll in postsecondary education institutions.

Outcomes:

- **75%** of program participants applied for financial aid.
- **62%** of program participants enrolled in postsecondary institutions: