## TRiO - Student Support Services

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## **TRiO - Student Support Services (SSS)**

TRiO – Student Support Services is a Title IV, federally funded, academic program designed to assist first generation, low-income, and/or disabled Utah Tech University students. The SSS program assists 200 eligible students earn their associates degree by offering assistance in: academic advising and guidance, course selection, FAFSA application, financial aid planning, career exploration, mentoring, career advising, transfer coordination and personal guidance. Small group tutoring is funded by Student Support Services and available only to SSS participants. SSS teaches three two-credit courses exclusive to SSS participants: SSC 2001 SSS Smart Start Seminar, SSC 2002 Becoming a Lifelong Learner, and SSC 2003 Gear Up for Greatness. To qualify for SSS services, a student must be an American citizen or permanent resident of the United States, must be registered as a full-time student at Utah Tech University, must demonstrate an academic need for services as defined by the program, and must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Low income, as established by the U.S. Department of Higher Education; (receiving a Pell Grant or income meets taxable income guidelines).
- First generation college student, meaning that neither one of the student's parents has completed a bachelor's degree.
- Documented disabilities with the Utah Tech Disability Resource Center, (emotional, physical and/or learning disabilities).

## TRIO - Educational Talent Search (ETS)

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TRiO - Educational Talent Search is a Title IV, federally funded, academic program designed to assist 825 first generation and low-income middle and high school students in making the transition from high school to a post secondary option. Students from Washington County School District must qualify for the program by meeting the federal guidelines: first generation (neither parent has a bachelor's degree) and/or low income family (based on federally established taxable income guidelines). The ETS program provides services to assist students to obtain financial aid, apply for post secondary admission, selection of courses and improvement of student academic performance. The ETS program serves students in Enterprise, Millcreek, Dixie Middle, Dixie High, Hurricane Middle, Hurricane High, Pine View Middle, Pine View High, Snow Canyon Middle and Snow Canyon High schools.

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TRIO - Upward Bound is a Title IV, federally funded, academic program designed to assist first generation and low-income high school students in making the transition from high school to college. Eighty students must qualify for the program by meeting the federal guidelines of first generation (neither parent has a bachelor's degree) and/or low-income family (based on federally established taxable income guidelines). During the school year, students meet weekly in workshops where a UB coordinator assists them with tutoring and academic skills and attending college tours. During the summer, 60 students are selected to attend a residential component on the campus of Utah Tech University where they take college credit classes, attend cultural events, and learn life skills. The purpose of the program is to direct students to completion of a bachelor's degree. Students from Desert Hills, Dixie, Enterprise, Hurricane, Pine View and Snow Canyon High Schools participate in the program.