



# TRIO-STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES APPLICATION

2025-2026 Academic Year

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NUID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender at Birth M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Year in HS/College: (Circle) HS SR or College FR SO JR SR H.S. Diploma/GED from \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Cumulative GPA: (current UNK students only) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a new transfer student to UNK? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**Your answers to the following will determine your eligibility for the TRIO-Student Support Services program.**

⇒ Are you a U.S. Citizen? [ ] Yes [ ] No Do you have a Social Security number? [ ] Yes [ ] No

⇒ Permanent Resident Alien? [ ] Yes [ ] No **If yes, attach a copy of the front & back of your permanent resident card.**

⇒ Did either parent receive a 4-year degree from a college or university? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, which parent? \_\_\_\_\_ Degree received from \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Have you completed the 2025 - 2026 FAFSA [ ] Yes [ ] No Did you receive a Pell Grant? [ ] Yes [ ] No

⇒ Do you have a **documented** disability? [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, have you registered with the UNK Disability Services for Students Office? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Documentation of a disability is required to be on file with the UNK Disability Services for Students (DSS) Office. Services are networked at UNK and the DSS Office maintains documentation of disabilities in addition to working with students to coordinate accommodations. TRIO-SSS provides academic strategies, coaching, and support.

⇒ Have you previously participated in any of the following TRIO programs? [ ] SSS [ ] EOC [ ] Talent Search

[ ] Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science, or Veteran's Upward Bound **Where:** \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Your academic major: \_\_\_\_\_ -or are you Undecided? [ ]

⇒ Ethnicity [ ] White [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native [ ] Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander [ ] Hispanic

[ ] African American [ ] Asian **Is English your second language?** [ ] Yes [ ] No

⇒ Are you Active Military? [ ] Yes [ ] No Are you a Veteran? [ ] Yes [ ] No

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## TRIO-SSS Income Eligibility

Federal TRIO-SSS regulations require a student's income information to determine which applicants meet federal income eligibility requirements. This form is for verification of your parent's (or yours, IF you are an Independent Student) NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS/FAMILY UNIT and both 2024 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME and TAXABLE INCOME.

If your parents claimed you on their income taxes, you are considered a DEPENDENT STUDENT. If they *did not* claim you, then you are considered an INDEPENDENT STUDENT. Please complete only the section below that applies to your status.

2024 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME is found on "Line 11" of your 1040 tax form. 2024 TAXABLE INCOME is found on "Line 15" of your 1040 tax form. **PLEASE SEE FORM 1040 EXAMPLE ON NEXT PAGE.**

**Please note: These two amounts should NOT be the same. Your Adjusted Gross Income should be more than your Taxable Income!**

### DEPENDENT STUDENT -- PARENT(S) NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND 2024 TAX INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_ I am a DEPENDENT STUDENT. (Your parents provided more than half of your financial support for 2024.)

As a DEPENDENT STUDENT, the NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS/FAMILY UNIT. \_\_\_\_\_

To determine your parent's number of household members, include: (a) yourself; (b) your parents; (c) the number of other children (other than yourself and even if they do not live with your parents) who received more than half of their support from your parents between 07/01/2024 and 6/30/2025; and (d) the number of people who are not your parents' children but who live with your parents and receive more than half of their support from your parents, and will continue to receive more than half of their support from your parents between 7/01/2024 and 6/30/2025.

Did your parent(s) file 2024 taxes? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, what was your parent's reason for not filing taxes? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ My parent(s) did not have Taxable Income or Adjusted Gross Income in 2024.

Parent(s) 2024 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (This amount should be larger than your TAXABLE Income amount on the next line.)

Parent(s) 2024 TAXABLE INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### INDEPENDENT STUDENT -- NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND 2024 TAX INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_ I am an INDEPENDENT STUDENT. You must meet at least one of the following criteria: (a) be at least 24 years old by Dec. 31; (b) was an orphan or ward of the court at 18 years old; (c) is married; (d) a veteran or active duty military; (e) have legal dependents; (f) was homeless as a minor.

As an INDEPENDENT STUDENT, the NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS/FAMILY UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

Did you/your family file 2024 taxes? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, what was you/your family's reason for not filing taxes? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I/my family did not have Taxable Income or Adjusted Gross Income in 2024.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT 2024 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (This amount should be larger than your TAXABLE Income amount on the next line.)

INDEPENDENT STUDENT 2024 TAXABLE INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2024. The form includes sections for personal information, filing status, income, deductions, and credits. It is a standard IRS form for reporting individual income tax.

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIO-SSS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Initial each line of the following indicating that you understand and agree to the TRIO-SSS requirements.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Grade Forms** must completed and turned in to the TRIO-SSS office each semester by the due date. (Filling out a Grade Form is required by all TRIO-SSS students.) Information and the form will be sent to your UNK Loper email.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Meet with your TRIO-SSS advisor each semester and confirm a **Semester Education Plan** for the following semester. (Filling out a Semester Education Plan form is required of all TRIO-SSS students.) Information and the form will be sent to your UNK Loper email.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Take advantage of one or more **TRIO-SSS services** (TRIO-SSS advisor appointments, TRIO-SSS sponsored events, etc.) for a minimum of 30 minutes each semester.

## Fall 2025 Semester Incoming Freshmen Transition Requirements

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Enroll in the **TRIO-SSS LOPR 101 (I Am a Lifelong Learner)** course which includes access to the TRIO-SSS Mentoring Program. (Mentoring Program information will be given to you in class.)

-OR-

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Non-Traditional freshmen students** (graduated from high school 5 or more years ago) may elect to meet with their TRIO-SSS advisor twice each month, September through November, and utilize at least one TRIO-SSS service per month in lieu of participation in the University Foundations class and Mentoring Program. If you choose this option, you must contact the TRIO-SSS office at 308.865.8988 to set up regular meeting times with your TRIO-SSS advisor within the first 2 weeks of the semester.

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**BY SIGNING BELOW**, I authorize the TRIO-SSS staff to obtain any and all information and documentation necessary for ongoing evaluation of my academic pursuits, including the information on file at various UNK offices. I also understand that the TRIO-SSS staff will assist me in achieving my goals only if I meet the student requirements for participation. **Failure to meet the TRIO-SSS student requirements can result in suspension or termination from the program.**

I certify that the information contained on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that TRIO-Student Support Services will use the data provided on this application form to assist in assessing my program eligibility and academic need. Furthermore, I understand that information on this application and in my TRIO-Student Support Services file may be provided by TRIO-Student Support Services staff to Student Affairs, the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Admissions, and Advising and Career Services and other offices on campus on a need-to-know basis. **By signing this form, I give the UNK Financial Aid Office permission to release my information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the TRIO-SSS office to determine financial eligibility for the program and in future years in which I am enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.**

**PUBLICITY:** At times, student academic achievements or other honors and awards are published through UNK or other local media. If you wish to restrict publicity or use of any photographic material, you must come to the TRIO-Student Support Services office in MSAB, Room 172 and sign a **Publicity Restriction Form.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE (Required)			DATE		
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (For tax income information)			DATE		
Permanent Home Address			UNK or Local Address		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
( ) Cell Phone			UNK Loper E-mail (TRIO-SSS uses UNK Loper email to regularly contact participants.)		

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:



TRIO-STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
Loper Success Hub  
2508 11th Avenue  
University of Nebraska—Kearney  
Kearney, NE 68849-2365  
Phone: 308.865.8988  
TRIOSSS@unk.edu

TRIO-Student Support Services is a federally funded program that serves first generation and/or income-eligible students or students with disabilities. Additional information is available on the US Department of Education's Federal TRIO Programs-Home Page: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html>