University of Southern Maine
TRIO Student Support Services

Paper Application

General Information

First Name: ____________________  MI: ____  Last Name: ____________________

Preferred Name (if any): ________________________________________________

Current mailing address: ________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________

Best phone number to reach me at: _______________________________________

Date of Birth: __ __ / __ __ / __ __  Social Security Number: __ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __

Gender: _______________________________________________________________

Eligibility Information: Students are eligible to apply for TRIO Student Support Services at USM if they meet the following U.S. Department of Education guidelines. Please check all that apply to you:

1. I am enrolled in a USM degree program or accepted for enrollment at USM, working toward my first bachelor’s degree.  
2. I am a citizen of the United States or have permanent residency.  
3. I am or will be working on completing my first bachelor’s degree.  
4. I am in need of academic support.  
5. And meet at least one of the following criteria:
   A. The parents/legal guardians that you regularly resided with prior to age 18 have not graduated with a Bachelor’s degree (4-year degree).  
   B. I meet government income guidelines based on the chart below.  
   C. I have a documented physical, medical, psychological, or learning disability that is registered with the USM Disability Services Center (DSC).
Federal TRIO Programs
Current-Year Income Levels

(Effective January 25, 2016 until further notice)

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<th>Size of Family Unit</th>
<th>48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions</th>
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For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: $6,240 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; $7,800 for Alaska; and $7,170 for Hawaii.

**How do I read the federal income chart?**
If you have 3 people in your household and your taxable income was $15,625, then your income would fall below the cut off of $30,240 for the 48 contiguous states. You would then be income eligible to apply to TRIO Student Support Services.

**What is considered family unit?**
Family unit is defined as the total number of persons who are related to you by blood, marriage or adoption and are dependent on the head of household for support. A stepparent or stepchild in considered related by marriage.

**Where do I find my taxable income information?**
You can use your most recent federal income taxes.
IRS Form 1040 Line 43
IRS Form 1040A Line 27
IRS Form 1040EZ Line 06

*The parents’/legal guardians’ federal tax return must be used if they claimed the student as a dependent on their 2014 income tax return, or if the student was under 24 years old, single and not a veteran.*

The student’s federal tax return must be used if the student was not claimed as a dependent and was 24 or older, or is a veteran, or was married (spouse’s 2014 income should be included).

**Academic Information**
MaineStreet ID Number: _________________________

Your Primary USM Campus: Gorham Portland Lewiston

Major(s): ______________________________ Minor(s): ______________________________
What semester are you at USM? ___________________ HS/College GPA: ________________

How many college credits have you completed?  0-23   24-53   54-83   84+

What is your estimated date of graduation? (month and year) ____ ____ / ____ ____

Are you currently on academic probation at USM? No   Yes

Have you ever been on academic probation at USM? No   Yes

Have you taken high school ESOL/ELL courses? No   Yes

If taken, SAT Critical Reading and Math scores combined (not writing):____________________

If taken, ACT score: _____________

If taken, TOEFL score: _________________________

Please check off classes you are currently enrolled in and/or may need academic support:

_____ Math 009   _____ Math 101B

Other Information

Are you planning to transfer to another institution before graduating with a bachelor's degree from USM? Please circle an answer: No   Yes   Unsure: __________

Are you currently employed? No   Yes 1-9 hrs/wk   10-19 hrs/wk  20-29 hrs/wk   30-39 hrs/wk  40+hrs/wk

*Please mark one of the following ethnic identities: ___ Hispanic or Latino OR ___ Not Hispanic or Latino

AND

*Please choose from the following racial identities: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White More than one race Unknown

*Ethnic and racial identity is used by the TRIO office to prepare summary data reports to the Federal and other government agencies. It will not be used in any way to determine your acceptance into TRIO Student Support Services.

Have you formerly participated in another TRIO program? Please check off all that apply.

_____ No   _____ Yes, Equal Opportunity Center (EOC)   _____ Yes, TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)   _____ Yes, Upward Bound (UB)

_____ Yes, GEAR UP   _____ Yes, Upward Bound Math/Science   _____ Yes, Upward Bound Veterans

Were you previously enrolled in Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) in high school? _____ Yes   _____ No

Are you currently participating in Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) at USM? _____ Yes   _____ No
Have you been in or currently in foster care? ___ Yes ___ No ___ I do not wish to share

Have you earned your high school equivalency diploma (GED or HiSET) through an alternative program within the previous five years? ___ Yes ___ No ___ I do not wish to share

Please check off all of the ways you heard about the TRIO SSS program.

___ TRIO staff member presented in your class(es)
___ TRIO staff member at a table
___ Professor
___ Academic Advisor
___ USM Staff member
___ Disability Services Center (DSC)
___ RA (Resident Assistant)
___ Friend
___ Parent
___ Orientation

___ Admission Open House
___ Accepted Student Day
___ Flyer/poster posted on campus
___ Flyer in mailbox
___ Bulletin board
___ TV screen(s) on campuses
___ TRIO SSS banner on campus
___ Table tent (flyer on table)
___ Email
___ Website
___ Other, please share: ________________________________

Why did you decide to enroll in college? ________________________________________________

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Do you have any challenges that may hinder your success at college? If yes, please share how you plan to overcome those challenges.

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I hereby apply for services in the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program at the University of Southern Maine (USM). I certify that the information I have supplied on this form is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the TRIO program can share and receive information for my educational benefit with other USM offices, staff, and faculty according to the Family Rights and Educational Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. I understand that I may withdraw from this program at any time.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________
Please ensure that you attach the following materials (scan and email or fax) with your completed application:

_____ Copy of social security card

_____ Submit one of the following:
   _____ Copy of U.S. birth certificate or
   _____ Copy of U.S. passport or
   _____ Copy of Naturalization certificate or
   _____ Copy of Resident Alien card or
   _____ Copy of current U.S. Residency status such as I-94

_____ If you are income eligible for the TRIO SSS program, submit one of the following:
   _____ Copy of 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or
   _____ Proof of current participation in TANF or Food Stamps with a benefit determination letter or
   _____ Copy of signed 2014 federal income taxes*

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Please submit this application and materials to any of the following campus locations:

TRIO Programs Office
7 College Avenue, Gorham
Ph: 207-780-5203
Fax: 207-228-8259

Advising and Student Success Office Locations
102 Bedford Street, Portland
119 Lewiston-Auburn College, Lewiston, 207-753-6536
119 Bailey Hall, Gorham, 207-780-5652

You may also email us at triousm@maine.edu or visit our website: http://www.usm.maine.edu/trioprograms/trio-student-support-services for additional information.

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