

# The History and Future of TRIO

- St. Olaf TRIO programs serve over 1,300 students annually (300 college and 1,000 pre-college students) and bring over \$2 million to the college each year
- Funded under Higher Education Act of 1965
- 3,500 programs serving 875,000 students at 1,000 colleges
- TRIO programs help students:
  - Overcome barriers to higher education
  - Increase their access to resources, support & high impact practices
  - Improve retention and graduation rates for low-income, first-gen students & students with disabilities



# TRIO Programs at St. Olaf College

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**TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS)** Students in grades 6-12 receive information about college and career exploration, advising, and college and financial aid application assistance.

**TRIO Upward Bound (UB)** Students in grades 9-12 prepare for college, receiving instruction on Saturdays and during the summer. Students receive weekly tutoring and advising.

**TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)** Works to retain St. Olaf College students to graduation. Participants receive tutoring, advising and instruction. Summer Bridge Program for incoming first years.

**TRIO Student Support Services for Student with Disabilities (SSSD)** St. Olaf College students develop skills to successfully complete college. Students receive advising on academic & personal development.

**TRIO McNair Scholars Program** Graduate school preparatory program. Goal is to diversify the professoriate. Students participate in McNair summer research and internship opportunities.

**Sample email and easy form to thank members of Congress  
for their support of the Federal TRIO Programs**



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