# Student Support Services

## 2016 – 2017 Application

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

TRiO Student Support Services is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Education. To determine your qualifications for this program, please complete this application in its entirety using **BLUE** or **BLACK INK**. The information you provide is strictly confidential. Only completed applications will be accepted and does not guarantee admission to the program. Students deemed eligible will be contacted by staff to complete the admission process.

**BEFORE RETURNING YOUR APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Completed SSS Application & Needs Assessment Survey
- Signed copy of the 2015 Federal Tax Return
- Current Class Schedule (printed copy) OR Federal Tax Return Transcript

### DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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Check all that apply to you:

**Race/Ethnicity:**
- [ ] American Indian/Alaskan Native
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Black or African American
- [ ] White
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Are you Hispanic/Latino?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

Do you speak English as a Second Language (ESOL)?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

If yes, primary language spoken: ____________________________

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Student Classification:**
- [ ] New Student (no college courses)
- [ ] Continuing Student (some college courses)
- [ ] Second Year Student (at least half of your credits completed)
- [ ] Transfer Student (credit transferred from another college)
- [ ] Solutions
- [ ] Success Unlimited
- [ ] Directions
- [ ] Probationary

**Highest Level of Education:**
- [ ] High School Diploma (Year: _________)
- [ ] GED (Year: _________)
- [ ] Associate’s Degree
- [ ] Bachelor’s Degree

**Educational Goals:**
- [ ] Certificate
- [ ] Associate’s Degree
- [ ] Transfer to a 4-year college/university
- [ ] None of the above

**Major:**  
- [ ] Undecided

**Cumulative GPA:**  
- [ ] N/A (new student)

**Anticipated attendance:**  
- [ ] Full Time
- [ ] Part Time

**Expected NCSC Graduation Date:**

Are you planning to **transfer** to a **four-year college or university**?
- [ ] Yes, AFTER graduating from NCSC
- [ ] Yes, BEFORE graduating from NCSC
- [ ] No
- [ ] Unsure at this time

Have you previously participated in a TRIO program?  
- [ ] Yes (Where?: ____________________________)
- [ ] No

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Please also complete information on the other side ➔
PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Has either of your parents graduated from a 4-year college or university (Bachelor’s Degree)?  □ Yes  □ No
Do you have a documented physical, mental, or learning disability?  □ Yes  □ No
If yes, are you registered with NCSC’s Office of Specialized Supportive Services?  □ Yes  □ No
Do you currently have an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree?  □ Yes  □ No

The federal government uses the following criteria to determine INDEPENDENT student status. Please check all that apply to you:

□ 24 years of age or older (before December 31 of this year)  □ Married
□ Have dependent child(ren)  □ Currently Homeless
□ Emancipated Minor or in legal guardianship  □ Foster Youth
□ Active in U.S. Armed Forces  □ Military Veteran

If you DID NOT CHECK any of the above, you are considered a DEPENDENT student and must submit your parents or guardians signed Federal Income Tax Return for 2015. Otherwise, you are considered an INDEPENDENT student and must submit your signed Federal Income Tax Return for 2015.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

TAXABLE INCOME: It is very important you indicate TAXABLE INCOME and not total income or adjusted gross income. The best source for this information is your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return. Taxable income is reported on: line 43 of form 1040; line 27 of 1040A; or line 6 of 1040EZ. (If you do not have a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return, visit http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript where you can obtain a copy of your Tax Transcript online – NOTE: You will need to create an account on that website)

If you did not file a 2015 Federal Income Tax Return, please provide a copy of your 2016 – 2017 Student Aid Report.

FAMILY SIZE: If you live with your parents, include them, yourself, siblings, and any other person supported by your parents. If you are independent, include yourself, spouse, children, and any other person supported by you.

Who claimed you for income tax purposes for 2015? □ parent  □ self  □ Did not file/No taxable income in 2015

Your family’s taxable income for 2015:  □ applied
(This is NOT adjusted gross income or total income)  □ Financial Aid Status: (Check all that apply)

□ Applied for financial aid  □ Approved for financial aid  □ Not approved for financial aid
□ Did not apply/not eligible  □ Tuition Freedom Scholarship  □ On financial aid warning or suspension

Check agencies which provide services to you and/or assistance you receive:

□ Ohio Rehabilitation Services  □ Social Security / Disability  □ Veterans’ Administration
□ Job & Family Services  □ Subsidized Housing/Metro  □ WIA
□ Children Services  □ OWF / TANF  □ NCSC’s Child Development Center
□ VOA  □ Child Support  □ Other:

How did you learn about TRIO Student Support Services?

□ NCSC Staff/Faculty: ____________________________  □ DRM/TV Screen  □ TRIO Student: ____________________________
□ E-Mail  □ NCSC Website  □ Other: ____________________________

Please check the box below indicating you have read and understand the following GEPA Statement.

□ “It is the policy of North Central State College not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, creed, religion, national origin, disability status, veteran status or sexual orientation in its educational programs, activities or employment practices.”

I certify the information I provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. By applying to this program, I authorize TRIO Student Support Services to access information pertinent to my participation from other NCSC departments. Also, I recognize that completing this application does not guarantee my admission to the program.

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________________

(Parent signature is not needed if the student is independent.)

Parent or Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

Print Parent or Guardian Name: ____________________________

Applications should be returned to 121 Kee Hall or mailed to:
TRIO Student Support Services ● North Central State College ● 2441 Kenwood Circle ● Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Needs Assessment Survey

As a student, I want to: (Check all that apply)

- Improve general study habits
- Improve note taking skills
- Improve time management skills
- Increase college reading speed
- Improve college reading comprehension
- Improve grade point average
- Receive transfer assistance
- Improve math skills
- Improve test taking skills
- Develop a plan for college courses
- Improve spelling
- Reduce math/test anxiety
- Make good career decisions
- Improve vocabulary
- Enhance memory
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- Increase college reading speed
- Enhance memory
- Improve grade point average
- Receive transfer assistance

Please check any of the following items which describe you:

- Out of school too long
- Difficulty meeting deadlines
- Panic during tests
- Afraid of failing in college
- Difficulty participating in discussions
- Few computer skills
- Difficulty finding child care
- Difficulty participating in discussions
- Limited experience with Internet
- Not prepared for course level
- Unable to understand course content
- Conflict with professor
- Registered for too many classes
- Changed major one or more times
- Work too much during week
- Changed major one or more times
- Working too much during week

What obstacle(s) would most likely prevent you from completing your academic goals? (Check all that apply)

- Poor study habits
- Lack of money
- Taking the wrong classes
- Always feeling tired
- Recurring health concerns
- Alcohol and/or drug problems
- No support from family/friends
- Always feeling tired
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Feeling depressed or sad
- Always worrying
- Test anxiety

My most important areas which I will need assistance are: (Check all that apply)

- Financial:
  - Personal Budget
  - FAFSA
  - Grants/Scholarships
  - Loans

- Personal Issues:
  - Stress Management
  - Substance Abuse
  - Relationships
  - Anxiety
  - Depression
  - Exploring Diversity

- Transfer to a 4-year Institution:
  - Search Process
  - Application Process
  - Funding
  - Planning
  - Transcripts

- Career:
  - Interviewing
  - Resume/Cover Letter
  - Job Searching
  - Co-op/Internship
  - Leadership Development
  - Goals/Decision-Making

My skills in each of the areas below are: (Check the appropriate box)

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Describe a personal strength which you feel will help you be successful as a student:

After graduation from North Central State College, I plan to: