



Dear TRIO Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program at Ivy Tech Community College **Fort Wayne and Kosciusko County**. We are funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education to offer services to **160** first-generation, low-income, and/or students with disabilities as they pursue an Ivy Tech credential.

Specifically, our goal is to provide (free) **individualized support** to eligible students seeking to complete a certificate, technical certificate, or degree from Ivy Tech within a four-year timeframe. Admission to our program is not automatic; it is a **privilege**, as we are limited in the number of students we can serve. Furthermore, you will be **required** to use certain services based upon our assessment of your needs.

We have a **selective application process** that assesses both academic need and ability to benefit. It also includes an interview with program staff. Please learn more about TRIO SSS to assist you in the process. You can talk to the staff or visit our websites: [www.ivytech.edu/trio](http://www.ivytech.edu/trio) or <https://link.ivytech.edu/triofw>.

Please complete the application in full using ink (or electronically). Read the instructions carefully, and provide all requested items. **If you are unsure of any part of this application or have any questions about the program, call 260-480-4197, text 844-248-7799, or email [trio@ivytech.edu](mailto:trio@ivytech.edu).**

Below is a list of items that must be completed before your TRIO application can be considered:

- Be admitted to Ivy Tech Community College as a credential-seeking student and be enrolled in classes. Learn more about attending Ivy Tech at [www.ivytech.edu/admissions](http://www.ivytech.edu/admissions)
- Complete the assessment process: [www.ivytech.edu/admissions/course-placement](http://www.ivytech.edu/admissions/course-placement)
- Start the process of having any previous college coursework evaluated for “transfer in.” Learn more at [www.ivytech.edu/admissions/transfer-pathways](http://www.ivytech.edu/admissions/transfer-pathways) (click Transfer Credits to Ivy Tech)

If not submitted electronically, return your TRIO application to us using the address below. When campus is open, you may also bring your application to **Harshman Hall on Ivy Tech’s North Campus, HM 1656.**

**Mailing Address:** TRIO Student Support Services  
Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne  
3800 N. Anthony Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**Questions?**

Call: 260-480-4197

Text: 844-248-7799

Email: [trio@ivytech.edu](mailto:trio@ivytech.edu)

Web: [www.ivytech.edu/trio](http://www.ivytech.edu/trio) or  
<https://link.ivytech.edu/triofw>



Instagram: [sssiivytechfw](https://www.instagram.com/sssiivytechfw)

Facebook: [TRIO SSS Ivy Tech Fort Wayne](https://www.facebook.com/TRIO.SSS.Ivy.Tech.Fort.Wayne)



TRIO Student Support Services
Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne

Please fill in information as accurately and completely as possible. If you have a question during any point of this application, please call 260-480-4197 or text 844-248-7799. It's easier for us to help you BEFORE you sign and submit.

Student Name: Last First Middle Initial

College ID: C SSN#: Preferred Name:

Male/Female/Nonbinary or another gender: Preferred Pronouns:

Phone: Cell Phone: Preferred Contact Method: (email, phone, mail, text)

Mailing Address: Street or P.O. Box City State Zip Code

College Email: Personal Email (if applicable):

Date of Birth: MM/DD/CCYY Place of Birth: City / State / Country

Marital Status: Number of Children: Ages(s):

For definitions of the U.S. Dept. of Ed, contact the program. This information used for reporting purposes only.

Ethnicity: (Check one)
Hispanic/Latino
Non-Hispanic/Latino

Race: (Check all that apply.)
American Indian/Alaskan Native
Asian
Black or African American
White or Caucasian
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

How did you hear about Ivy Tech's TRIO SSS Program?

Alternative or Emergency Contact:

Name Relationship Phone

Educational Information

Do you have a high school diploma or GED/HSE? What type?

What high school did you attend? High School City State When?

What was your high school G.P.A. or average grade range? For example, "mostly Bs, 2.0 GPA" or "C/D average."

Do you intend to graduate from Ivy Tech? What is your credential goal? (Check all that apply.)
Certificate
Technical Certificate
Associate's Degree
I want to earn something but need help

What is your program of study? Be as specific as possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Do your goals include transfer to a Bachelor's program? \_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended another college or university? \_\_\_\_ If yes, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have previous transferable college credits on your record? \_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

*\* It is to your advantage to transfer previous credits to Ivy Tech by submission of official college transcripts directly from other institutions you have successfully attended. [www.ivytech.edu/admissions/transfer-pathways](http://www.ivytech.edu/admissions/transfer-pathways) (click Transfer Credits to Ivy Tech)*

Have you been or are you part of these TRIO programs? (Check all that apply.)  NONE OF THE BELOW

- Student Support Services     Upward Bound     Educational Opportunity Center  
 Veterans Upward Bound     Talent Search     Upward Bound Math/Science

## Eligibility Requirements

Which of the following defines your status?  U.S. Citizen/National     Permanent Resident     Other

*\* To be eligible for TRIO, you must meet the residency requirements for Federal student financial assistance. See <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens>. If the program cannot certify this from college records, we will require additional documentation.*

Do you have a documented disability that may qualify you for TRIO eligibility? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you registered with Disability Support Services (DSS) at Ivy Tech? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive the Federal Pell Grant?  Yes     No     Unsure: \_\_\_\_\_

**For federal student aid, dependency status determines whose information you must report on the FAFSA.**

*\* If you're a dependent student, you will report yourself and your parents' information.*

*\* If you're an independent student, you will report your own information (and, if you're married, your spouse's).*

**On the FAFSA, I am classified as an (INDEPENDENT or DEPENDENT) student:** \_\_\_\_\_

We require income eligibility verification for all students who apply to the program. By answering the questions below, you indicate the option that is best for you during this income screening process. You will be asked to provide parental income information along with your own if you are also required to report such on FAFSA.

**Choose one of two options below:**

I will provide the first two pages of my own and, if applicable, my parent or parents' 1040 (U.S. Individual Income Tax Return) for **2025** and will upload it to: <https://send.ivytech.edu/dropzone/trio>

*\* I understand that if any tax return is NOT already signed by the filer, it will be sent separately to the responsible party through a secure electronic platform for the required signature. Email addresses will be requested or confirmed as needed.*

I would like to set up an income screen appointment for other options or help. This is also ideal if I or my parent or parents did not (or will not) file a **2025** tax return. *\*Additional documentation options will be covered.*

## Mother / Adoptive Mother

What is the highest education level completed by your **MOTHER** or adoptive mother?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (K-5)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School (6-8)      | <input type="checkbox"/> High School (9-12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED/HSE           | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college (no degree) | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Degree          |   |

While you were under the age of 18 during your own childhood, did you regularly reside with or receive support from your **MOTHER** or adoptive mother (YES OR NO)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Father / Adoptive Father:

What is the highest education level completed by your **FATHER** or adoptive father?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (K-5)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School (6-8)      | <input type="checkbox"/> High School (9-12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED/HSE           | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college (no degree) | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Degree          |   |

While you were under the age of 18 during your own childhood, did you regularly reside with or receive support from your **FATHER** or adoptive father (YES OR NO)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Required Personal Statement

Please answer the following two questions in a separate format such as: Microsoft Word, typed email, Google Docs, or other word processor. Your application will NOT be considered complete until we have received your Personal Statement. There is NO length requirement. Contact us if you need help.

Upload to a secure link: <https://send.ivytech.edu/dropzone/trio>. Answer the following two questions:

- 1) Tell Us About Yourself:** Introduce yourself and tell a little about yourself. This may include your background, where or how you were raised, interesting information, your school and work history, etc.
- 2) Educational Goals & Needs:** What does education mean to you? What is your plan of action? Why do you need the services that TRIO SSS provides, and how do you plan to use them?

## Signature Section

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*printed name of applicant*), attest to the fact that the information on this application and its accompanying forms is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is 100% federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education to serve 160 eligible students. *As such, we have a selective application process that assesses both academic need and ability to benefit.* I understand that after turning in my full TRIO SSS application, it will be reviewed, and I will be contacted for an interview. If accepted into the program, I understand that I will be asked to sign a provisional contract, which may not guarantee my continuation in the program unless certain criteria are met. A copy of the contract is available here [www.ivytech.edu/trio](http://www.ivytech.edu/trio) under the drop-down menu for Fort Wayne. I attest to the fact that I have read this provisional contract by initialing here: \_\_\_\_\_.

I grant permission to Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana ("Ivy Tech") and its agents and employees the irrevocable and unrestricted right to reproduce the photographs and/or video images and/or interviews taken of me for the purpose of publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, or trade, in any manner or in any medium. I hereby release Ivy Tech and its legal representatives for all claims and liability relating to said images and/or interviews. I will make no monetary or other claim against Ivy Tech

for the use of the photograph(s)/video and/or interviews. If you agree to this full statement by initialing here: \_\_\_\_\_.

As part of my personal contribution and if accepted into the TRIO SSS program, I intend to actively participate in TRIO SSS components and services. I will comply with all rules and regulations of TRIO SSS, and I am aware that failure to comply could result in dismissal from the program.

I also authorize TRIO Student Support Services at Ivy Tech Community College to gather information concerning my academic progress (standardized test scores, grade point averages, earned credits, transcripts, etc.) and financial aid status during my participation in TRIO SSS. Furthermore, I understand that by applying for the TRIO SSS program, I authorize the program staff to obtain and hold records or data pertinent to my eligibility and participation from other sources as needed (including, but not limited to, parents/guardians, recommendation source, Ivy Tech Disability Services, the United States IRS, and other government agencies). The TRIO program staff also have my permission to communicate verbally or otherwise with college staff, faculty and/or off-campus professionals on my behalf.

I understand that this information is used to assist in the determination of my eligibility and needs for TRIO SSS and to develop my student education plan and provide services necessary for my success. This information will remain confidential. I grant permission for TRIO SSS to gather information for follow-up whenever appropriate, including transfer information and progress at other institutions. I am aware that my eligibility, financial aid status, and other information will be reported to the U.S. Department of Education and other sources as required by law or the terms of the TRIO SSS grant. I also agree to provide documentation upon request to verify the information reported.

I am aware that the personal information provided to TRIO SSS will be protected under the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974. No one will have access to the information unless they work with or for the TRIO SSS program or are specifically authorized to see the information. I understand that any incorrect information on this application may affect my eligibility to receive services from the TRIO SSS Program.

Privacy Act Statement - In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law No. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. 552A), you are hereby notified that the Department of Education is authorized to collect information, including Social Security numbers (SSNs), to implement the Student Support Services program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Pub. Law 102-325, sec. 402A and 402D). In accordance with this authority, the Department receives and maintains personal information on participants in the Student Support Services program. The principal purpose for collecting this information is to administer the program, including tracking and evaluating participants' academic progress. Your SSN is collected only to serve as the unique identifier for matching participant records across years. Providing the information on this form, including a SSN, is voluntary; failure to disclose a SSN will not result in denial of any right, benefit, or privilege to which the participant is entitled. The information that is collected on this form will be retained in the program files and may be released to other Department officials in the performance of official duties. The information will not be disclosed outside of the Department, except as allowed by the Privacy Act of 1974, pursuant to the routine uses identified in the System of Records Notice titled "TRIO Programs Annual Performance Report (APR) System (TRIO APR)."

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_