



TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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TRIO SSS has scholarship opportunities for students in the SSS and SSS STEM programs. Scholarships will have a minimum award of \$500 and be awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year. The number of scholarships given will be determined by the number of applications and awards given.

- Applications will be accepted until Monday, January 6th, 2025, by 11:59pm.
- Applications turned in after the deadline will not be accepted unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Eligibility Requirements

Must be completed during the 2024-25 academic year (fall and spring semesters):

- Be a current UW Oshkosh TRIO SSS or SSS STEM student, in your **first year** of participation in the program
- Complete 24 credits for the 2024/25 academic year
- Meet with your TRIO SSS Academic Advisor during the academic year
- Actively participated in your assigned Learning Group during the 24-25 academic year (*Transfer or non-traditional students, please speak with your TRIO SSS Academic Advisor regarding this requirement*)
- Cum GPA 2.25 or higher as of August 31, 2025
- Have completed the 2024-25 FAFSA application and
- Be enrolled for both 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic year.

* Eligibility requirements will be verified

Essay Instructions

Write an essay addressing the following prompts. The essay should be a maximum of 1 to 2 pages double spaced. Save your essay as a word document and upload it when submitting your application through the electronic form. We highly encourage you to use resources like the Writing Center when writing the essay. Please see rubric below for how essays will be scored.

In your essay, please address the following:

- How are you paying for college?
- How may this scholarship impact you next year?
- Share how the TRIO SSS program has impacted you this year.
- Share something that you are most proud of or have learned about yourself while at UW Oshkosh.

To Apply

Complete the electronic application through this link: [APPLY NOW!](#)

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PLEASE NOTE: If you are awarded a scholarship but do not continue to meet the criteria identified above during the Spring 2025 semester, the scholarship will be rescinded and awarded to a different TRIO SSS student.

Scholarships are awarded for the 2025-26 academic year

Scholarship Scoring Rubric

| TRIO SSS Scholarship Essay Scoring Rubric – 15 points possible | | | |
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| A. How are you paying for college? | | | |
| 3 - Excellent | 2 - Good | 1 - Fair | 0 – Did not meet expectations |
| <p>Ex. “I am paying for college out of pocket due to lack of support from family. I was offered loans but didn’t accept to not take on debt.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides specific examples of how they are paying for college (FAFSA, scholarships, working, etc.) Includes insight into applicant’s specific financial situation | <p>Ex. “I am paying for college out of pocket due to lack of support”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides specific examples of how they are paying for college (FAFSA, scholarships, working, etc.) | <p>Ex. “I am paying for college out of pocket”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answered question without supporting details | <p>Did not answer question</p> |
| B. How may this scholarship impact you next year? | | | |
| 3 - Excellent | 2 - Good | 1 - Fair | 0 – Did not meet expectations |
| <p>Ex. “This scholarship will help me avoid taking out loans and focus more on school. I will be able to work less and attend more SI sessions to do well in Biology.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides specific examples of financial impact Connects financial impact to academic, career, or personal development | <p>Ex. “This scholarship will help me avoid taking out loans and focus more on school.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides specific example of financial impact Does not connect financial impact to success in other areas | <p>Ex. “This scholarship will help me avoid taking out loans.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answered question without an example or supporting details | <p>Did not answer question</p> |

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| C. Share how the TRIO SSS/SSS STEM program has impacted you this year. | | | |
| 3 - Excellent | 2 - Good | 1 - Fair | 0 – Did not meet expectations |
| <p>Ex. “My TRIO SSS Learning Group has been a fun place to meet other students and learn new things. I specifically liked the professor panel because it helped me feel more comfortable in class.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified specific service(s) Explained impact of service(s) on college experience | <p>Ex. “TRIO SSS has helped me because Learning Group was fun.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified specific service(s) but did not explain impact | <p>Ex. “TRIO SSS has helped me.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answered question without an example or supporting details | <p>Did not answer question</p> |
| D. Share something that you are most proud of or have learned about yourself while at UW Oshkosh. | | | |
| 3 - Excellent | 2 - Good | 1 - Fair | 0 – Did not meet expectations |
| <p>Ex. “I surprised myself with how well I learned to manage my time. I bought a planner and set up an appointment with the READ Center to learn about time blocking.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified specific example Provided supporting details | <p>Ex. “I surprised myself with how well I learned to manage my time.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified specific example but did not provide supporting details | <p>Ex. “I surprised myself with what I can handle.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answered question without an example or supporting details | <p>Did not answer question</p> |
| E. Overall essay (Instructions: 1-2 pages double-spaced) | | | |
| 3 - Excellent | 2 - Good | 1 - Fair | 0 – Did not meet expectations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission is relevant to scholarship essay prompts and follows instructions Essay is organized into paragraphs Ideas are clear and easy to follow Sentences are complete and well-written | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission mostly follows scholarship essay prompts and instructions Essay structure and ideas are mostly organized | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some scholarship essay prompts and instructions missed Essay structure and ideas are disorganized and difficult to follow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission does not follow any scholarship essay prompts Submission is not structured Clear evidence of plagiarism |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few grammatical errors | <p>and easy to follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some grammatical errors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many grammatical errors | |
| Total points (add scores for A through E – maximum 15 points) | | | Total: |

If you have questions, please call or email your TRIO SSS Academic Advisor.