

## TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP 2025-26

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TRIO SSS Scholarship Essay Scoring Rubric – 15 points possible			
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"> <li>Provides specific examples of how they are paying for college (FAFSA, scholarships, working, etc.)</li> <li>Includes insight into applicant's specific financial situation</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. "I am paying for college out of pocket due to lack of support"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides specific examples of how they are paying for college (FAFSA, scholarships, working, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. "I am paying for college out of pocket"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answered question without supporting details</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>Provides specific examples of financial impact</li> <li>Connects financial impact to academic, career, or personal development</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. "This scholarship will help me avoid taking out loans and focus more on school."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides specific example of financial impact</li> <li>Does not connect financial impact to success in other areas</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. "This scholarship will help me avoid taking out loans."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answered question without an example or supporting details</li> </ul>	<p>Did not answer question</p>

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"> <li>Identified specific service(s)</li> <li>Explained impact of service(s) on college experience</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. “TRIO SSS has helped me because Learning Group was fun.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified specific service(s) but did not explain impact</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. “TRIO SSS has helped me.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answered question without an example or supporting details</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>Identified specific example</li> <li>Provided supporting details</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. “I surprised myself with how well I learned to manage my time.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified specific example but did not provide supporting details</li> </ul>	<p>Ex. “I surprised myself with what I can handle.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answered question without an example or supporting details</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>Submission is relevant to scholarship essay prompts and follows instructions</li> <li>Essay is organized into paragraphs</li> <li>Ideas are clear and easy to follow</li> <li>Sentences are complete and well-written</li> <li>Few grammatical errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission mostly follows scholarship essay prompts and instructions</li> <li>Essay structure and ideas area mostly organized and easy to follow</li> <li>Some grammatical errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some scholarship essay prompts and instructions missed</li> <li>Essay structure and ideas are disorganized and difficult to follow</li> <li>Many grammatical errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission does not follow any scholarship essay prompts</li> <li>Submission is not structured</li> <li>Clear evidence of plagiarism</li> </ul>
Total points (add scores for A through E – maximum 15 points)			Total: