

Am I eligible?



# TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Does your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have a 4-year Bachelor's Degree?

Not one of my parents nor legal guardian have a Bachelor's Degree

You may be Eligible, as First Generation ✓

Did your parent(s) or legal guardian or you file Federal Income Taxes (Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) ?

Yes, we/I filed Federal Taxes

You may be Eligible, as low income ✓

No, we/I did not file Federal Taxes

You may be eligible, as first generation only

Yes, one of my parent(s) or legal guardian does have Bachelor's Degree

NOT ELIGIBLE, as First Generation (see next box below)

Did your parent(s) or legal guardian or you file Federal Income Taxes (Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) ?

Yes, we/I filed Federal Taxes

You may be Eligible, as low income only ✓

No, we/I did not file Federal Taxes

NOT ELIGIBLE\*

\*If you, your parent(s) or legal guardians **did not** file Federal Income Taxes, you may still be eligible if you are: homeless, foster youth, food stamps, disability benefits. See our office for details.

## How do we determine “Low-Income”?

We review your **Federal Income Taxes** (Form 1040, 1040, 1040EZ) for line item **“Taxable Income”**.

How many individuals are claimed on the taxes? This determines “Size of Family Unit”.

**Federal TRIO Programs  
Current-Year Low-Income Levels**

(Effective **January 18, 2018** until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,210	\$22,770	\$20,940
2	\$24,690	\$30,870	\$28,395
3	\$31,170	\$38,970	\$35,850
4	\$37,650	\$47,070	\$43,305
5	\$44,130	\$55,170	\$50,760
6	\$50,610	\$63,270	\$58,215
7	\$57,090	\$71,370	\$65,670
8	\$63,570	\$79,470	\$73,125

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,480 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$8,100 for Alaska; and \$7,455 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

**Example:** If I have a “Taxable Income” of \$15,000 and I am the only “1” claimant on the Federal Taxes as “Size of Family Unit”, then I am eligible as “Low Income” because the \$15,000 taxable income on my Federal Taxes is “below” the \$18,210 shown in the above chart.

### **Other Program Eligibility Criteria**

- Placed into English 85 or higher
- NVC Cumulative GPA 2.00 or higher
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Have not received a 2-year degree and/or certificate

Students interested in joining SSS TRIO must be interested in graduation (degree or certificate) **AND** Transfer to a 4-year university.

### **Questions regarding eligibility?**

Come visit us, office 1333 or call (707) 256-7350