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TRIO SSS

I came to Green River as a 48-year old, stay-at-home mother. When I began there were many younger students and I didn't quite fit in. I also felt that I was behind when it came to technology. TRIO provided me with exactly what I needed. I was able to borrow books, have a tutor that was tech-savvy, and received plenty of encouragement during my time in TRIO. TRIO took a special interest not only in my school life but in my home life as well. I felt that I was important and that they cared for me.

I currently work with TRIO as a tutor. I discovered that I loved teaching and encouraging others. I especially love working with TRIO students, because they want to succeed in spite of all that life throws at them daily. TRIO students inspire me and make me passionate about what I do.

 <http://www.greenriver.edu/trio>

Student Success Services

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants (# 84.063). The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants.

All SSS projects must provide: academic tutoring, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science, and other subjects; advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection, assist student with information on both the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications. Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy and assist students in applying for admission to graduate and professional programs; and assist students enrolled in two-year institutions and applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in four-year programs. The SSS projects may also provide individualized counseling for personal, career, and academic information, activities, and instruction designed to acquaint students with career options; exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available; mentoring programs, securing temporary housing during breaks for students who are homeless youths and students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system.

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