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TRIO SSS

I am incredibly grateful for the TRIO team, each team member contributed to the fulfillment of my dreams. On countless occasions I felt overwhelmed, confused, and frustrated – ready to give up. However the TRIO team fed me with encouragement and wisdom, they pushed me to succeed and praised me in my achievements. The TRIO team has supported me even in my most challenging moments. At the age of 18 I became a mother to a beautiful daughter, at the time I thought I had to give up my dreams to only focus on providing for my child. But my advisor, Risha encouraged me to fight for my future, the best decision I made for my family and myself.

TRIO, is a team of individuals driven to help students like myself succeed. They aren't average advisors; they build relationships – a family at school. When I lacked the funds to continue my education my advisor informed me of the scholarships available. I soon was awarded the funds to complete my last year at Central as I continue my dreams in the field of Education. The TRIO team provided a warm, safe, and up lifting environment. My time at Seattle Central is coming to a close, and I will enter a new chapter in my life as I attend Northwest University. But I will never forget where I started and the TRIO team who gave me the foundation needed to succeed. Thank you Seattle Central TRIO Team.

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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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