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TRIO SSS

I was first introduced to TRIO by a teacher's assistant in my math class at Green River Community College. I had been struggling and was in need of a tutor, fortunately the assistant introduced me to a TRIO staff member and I began receiving the necessary help that I sought.

TRIO has offered me more than just advising and transfer assistance, they have created an environment where students can meet and help each other grow academically and individually. TRIO helped me figure out a plan and make a decision that would be difficult to implement, but in the long run it was more beneficial to my academic career and my family's well-being.

I hope to complete my academic career by receiving a Bachelor's degree in Business and Accounting, with a double major in investing. My ultimate goal is to work in an accounting position with an engineering lab in Pullman, WA, where I plan to work for a few years before returning to school to start in a graduate program. TRIO has plenty of helpful resources, but this help is only as strong as the people supporting them.

 <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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