

**PAINE COLLEGE TRIO UPWARD BOUND
2021 SPRING OPEN ENROLLMENT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

What is TRIO Upward Bound?

The TRIO Upward Bound Program is a college prep program that provides a supportive family environment while empowering students to succeed in high school and ultimately graduate with a college degree.

What services do TRIO Upward Bound provide to participants?

Services provided to participants include cultural activities, college tours, on-demand tutoring, academic counseling, personal counseling, empowerment workshops, mentoring, supplies, \$100 monthly stipends, etc.

What are the benefits of TRIO Upward Bound?

Benefits of the TRIO Upward Bound include but are not limited to:

- ✓ **YOU WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL LEARN THE BEST WAYS TO APPLY TO COLLEGE!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL APPLY TO ALL THE COLLEGES OF YOUR CHOICE!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL “MIND YOUR BUSINESS” AND LEARN HOW TO GET FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL KNOW HOW TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE ONCE YOU GET THERE!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL GROW PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL EXPERIENCE CULTURE & FUN!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BEST PROGRAM FAMILY EVER!!!!!!**
- ✓ **YOU WILL HAVE A SUPPORT TEAM IN YOUR CORNER FOREVER!!!!!!**

How much does it cost to join the program?

There is no monetary cost to join the TRIO Upward Bound Program. All services are provided by grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

Who is eligible to apply for TRIO Upward Bound?

Potentially eligible applicants meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Currently in 9th grade or 10th grade at one of the following target schools: ARC, Butler, Cross Creek, Glenn Hills, Hephzibah, Laney, Josey, and Westside.
- ✓ Are first-generation (meaning neither biological parent has a 4-year degree), income-qualified, and/or have academic-need.
- ✓ Have a strong interest in attending an institution of postsecondary education (2-year or 4-year).

What is Open Enrollment?

TRIO Upward Bound Spring Open Enrollment is a flexible and convenient opportunity for interested 9th & 10th grade students to apply for the Paine College TRIO Upward Bound Program. Students will have on-demand access to the application including the Counselor and Teacher Recommendation Form Links.

Are students required to attend an Information Session?

No, students are not required to attend an Information Session. The Program will host a monthly, 1-hour Q & A Session via Zoom for students and/or parents who would like more information about the program and its services. Students may apply without attending a Q & A Drop-In Session.

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What are the dates of the Q & A Sessions?

The dates of the Drop-In Q & A Sessions are February 10th, March 10th, and April 14th. The time for all dates will be 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82251220351>

How do I access the application?

The application can be accessed using the following link or QR code:

PCUB Application Link: <https://form.jotform.com/Chellita/2020-paine-college-trio-upward-boun>

QR Code:



How do I submit the Teacher & Counselor Recommendation Forms?

The Counselor and Teacher Recommendation Forms are separate links that **MUST** be forwarded via email to the recommending Counselor and ELA, Math, or Science Teacher. The recommendations should be completed by the Counselor and Teacher, not the parent or student! **PLEASE NOTE:** All recommendation forms are subject to a verification process conducted by the Program.

Teacher Recommendation Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTh-8uYmDN6JWaiAsK8vIDGiNREOCOLk-RRUd-1KnLoNRyA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Counselor Recommendation Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_C6MWOr-jChk_Px1wWMT016fdjnSxDUIjuhAnDX6zYRSIqA/viewform?usp=pp_url

What is considered a complete application?

An application will be considered as complete when all components are received. The components of the application are as follow: SIGNED application, Student Photo, Student Essay, 2nd Nine Weeks Report Card, High School Transcript, Counselor Recommendation, Teacher Recommendation, and Parent's/Guardian's Financial Information.

What if I do not have my parent's financial information, can I still submit my application?

Yes, you can still submit your application even if you do not have your parent's financial information at the time you are completing the application.

How will I know if my application was received?

Applicants will receive an email confirmation along with a copy of what was submitted. Applicants who have completed the application that includes the REQUIRED photo and essay, will receive an invitation via email inviting them to attend the REQUIRED applicant interview via Zoom.

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When are interviews?

Completed Applications Submitted By:	Interviews Held On:
Wednesday, February 24 th	Monday, March 1 st
Wednesday, March 24 th	Monday, April 5 th
Wednesday, April 28 th	Monday, May 3 rd

How will the TRIO Upward Bound Program contact me if necessary?

If the Program needs to contact you, it will do so by using the phone number and email address provided on your application. Be sure to list current contact information!

What if I have more questions?

Please feel free to reach out to the TRIO Upward Bound Program via email or phone at trioupwardbound@paine.edu or 706.821.8210. REMEMBER, YOU CAN ALSO JOIN THE MONTHLY Q & A Zoom chats as well!