



**WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PERSONNEL
Central California Chapter
2018-2019 Scholarship Application**

The Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) Central California Chapter (CenCal) Scholarship Fund assists TRiO students to complete their educational goals. The scholarships are available on a competitive basis to high school students, community college students, and undergraduate four-year college students.

POSTMARK DEADLINE: FRIDAY MARCH 22nd, 2019

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS

- Individual must be a current and active participant of a CenCal Chapter TRiO program
- Nominated by a current paid WESTOP-CenCal member
- Must provide proof of college enrollment for Fall 2019
- Must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA
- Must submit checklist with application

COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Individual must be a current and active participant of a CenCal Chapter TRiO program
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- Must provide proof of college enrollment for Fall 2019
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OTHER STUDENTS

- Individual must be a current and active participant of a CenCal Chapter TRiO program
- Nominated by a current paid WESTOP-CenCal member
- Must provide proof of college enrollment for Fall 2019
- Adult college bound students must provide proof of having received a diploma with GPA of at least 2.50 or above, a GED, or be in process of obtaining one prior to semester starting or if have prior college experience, having obtained a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 in course work.
- Must submit checklist with application

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

- Must be a current paid member of the WESTOP-CenCal Chapter to make a nomination
- Must verify that student is a current and active participant of a TRiO CenCal Program

- May not be submit “Recommendation Form/Letter” on behalf of the student you are nominating
- No limit to the number of students each program can nominate for this scholarship
- All necessary forms must be signed by a parent or guardian if student is a minor
- Must review with nominee the eligibility criteria and check list provided to ensure all necessary forms and required documents are submitted on time

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

YOU MAY MAIL OR EMAIL ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Mail

ATTN: Alondra Martinez/Omar Espinoza
 Services for Students with Disabilities
 5200 N. Barton Ave M/S ML125
 Fresno, CA 93740

E-Mail

SUBJECT: WESTOP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
 ADDRESS: cosgrad15@mail.fresnostate.edu
 *ALL documents must be attached in one single email

Important Notice: If awarded a scholarship, you must claim the award within one month of college enrollment. All recipients will be awarded in the Fall of 2019.

All questions may be directed to Alondra Martinez

Phone: (559)278-7557

Email: martinez_alo@mail.fresnostate.edu

Required Signatures

Student Name (please print): _____
 Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
 A parent/guardian signature is required if the student is under 18 years of age. Parent/Guardian agrees to give Permission to upload a picture of the student on the WESTOP-CenCal Chapter Website for recognition.
 Parent/Guardian’s Name: _____
 Parent/Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Nominator Name: _____
 Nominator Signature: _____

Required Signatures (Continued)

Name of TRIO program: _____ Institution of Agency: _____
 Nominator’s Contact Number: () _____



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Personal Information

Name:			
Last	First	M.I.	
Address:			
Street	City	State	Zip
Phone: ()	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary		Birth date:
Email:			
Residency Status: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Ethnicity or National Ancestry (Check all those that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin/x
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian, Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/> Filipina/o	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-racial	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicana/o	<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State	
Do you have a physical or learning disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer Not to disclose			
Estimated Family Income for the year 2018:		Household Size:	

Educational History

Current High School/College:	Expected Graduation Date:		
School Address:			
Street	City	State	Zip
Name of TRIO Program: <input type="checkbox"/> EOC <input type="checkbox"/> McNair <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Talent Search <input type="checkbox"/> Student Support Services			
<input type="checkbox"/> SSS-D <input type="checkbox"/> SSS-V <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound Math & Science <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
TRIO Program Participation Dates: Start date:		End date:	
Name of College/University you plan to attend in the Fall of 2019:			



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Accomplishments & Activities

Please attach additional pages to this form if needed

Please list any recent academic honors, awards, certificates or other achievements:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Please list any of your recent and/or current extracurricular activities:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Essay Questions

Instructions: You must submit an essay with your scholarship application packet. Select one of the following questions to answer, and you must address all parts of the essay prompt. Essays must be 500 words per question, typed, double-spaced, and Times New Roman with font 12.

- 1) As a TRiO participant, what program activities were the most memorable and beneficial to you? Identify the TRiO Program staff who has had an impact on your success and how or what did that person do to make an impact? What will you take with you from your involvement with TRiO? How will it make a difference to you?
- 2) Explain what have been the struggles or barriers you have had to overcome to reach this point in your life. How did you manage to overcome them? What have you learned after having overcome those struggles? What, if any impact did those struggles have on your chosen educational and professional goals for the future?



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Recommendation Form #1

Name of Student: _____ School: _____

ATTENTION:

The Recommendation form must be completed by a teacher, high school counselor, community member or any individual who can professionally assess your aptitude and personal qualities.

Your WESTOP CenCal Nominator may not submit a Recommendation Form.

To the Recommender:

The above named applicant is applying for a scholarship with the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) Central California Chapter. Please include any information on the applicant that you feel is pertinent. Please describe the qualities and experiences you believe make this applicant a deserving candidate for the Central California Chapter WESTOP Scholarship. Please return this Recommendation Form in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal to the student along with an official letter of recommendation.

CATEGORIES	SUPERIOR	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT
Academic Achievement					
Motivation Initiative/ Independence					
Self-Discipline Strength of Character					
Leadership					
Creativity					
Overall Potential					

Name: _____ Position: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of Program/Business: _____ Date: _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Email: _____



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Recommendation Form #2

Name of Student: _____ School: _____

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All completed Scholarship Applications Packets should include the following:

CHECKLIST

Please initial next to each item to verify that it has been completed

Signed Scholarship Application

- Signed by student and nominator (Parent/Guardian, if applicable)
- Please add checklist as part of the application

Two (2) completed and signed Recommendation Forms and Letters

- Letter of Recommendation must be included with each Recommendation Form
- Each in sealed envelopes and may not be completed by the nominator

Essay Question Response – 500 words minimum.

- Must follow format – Typed, Double-Spaced, Font Size-12, Times New Roman
- Must address all parts of the essay prompt

Transcript (Official or Unofficial)

- High School Student or Current College Student: One (1) Transcript with a GPA of 2.50 or above.
- Adult College Bound Student (Currently attending an Adult High School Diploma Program): One (1) Transcript with a GPA 2.50 or above and you will be obtaining your diploma before the start of the semester.
- Currently attending a GED Program: Letter from institution, stating you need one test to earn GED, and completed before the start of the semester.
- A High School Graduate: One (1) High School Transcript with a GPA 2.50 and indicating you obtained your diploma, or Copy of your diploma and last report card with a GPA of 2.50, or a Copy of your GED Certificate, or your GED Scores indicating you obtained a GED from the Educational Institution you tested with.
- A former college student or graduate student: One (1) Transcript with a GPA 2.50 or above.

Scholarship Applications submitted by mail or email

- Please follow instructions on page 2

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Email: martinez_alo@mail.fresnostate.edu

GOOD LUCK!