

TRIO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

ASSISTING AND ENROLLING ELIGIBLE ADULTS IN COLLEGE
AND CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

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About TRIO

- TRIO Federally Funded Program in 1964
- EOC created in 1972
- UI EOC grant funded in 2001
- TRIO's Mission: Increase low-income and first-generation students in postsecondary education
- EOC's Purpose: Support adults in accessing postsecondary education



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Federal TRIO Programs

There are a total of 33 TRIO Programs in the state of Idaho sponsored through BSU, UI, ISU, NIC, and LCSC.

Educational Talent Search (ETS) Programs	Early intervention program serving middle and high school students
Upward Bound (UB) Programs	Provide academic and general support to high school aged students, along with a summer residential program on college campuses
Upward Bound Math-Science (UBMS) Programs	Strengthen math and science skills for high school aged students
Student Support Services (SSS) Programs	Provides support to currently enrolled college students to ensure retention in college
McNair Scholars Programs	Prepares college students for doctoral studies while in undergraduate programs
Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Programs	Helps Veterans prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education
Education Opportunity Centers (EOC)	Assist and enroll adults in college and career training programs

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TRIO in Idaho

Region 1 (UI, NIC)

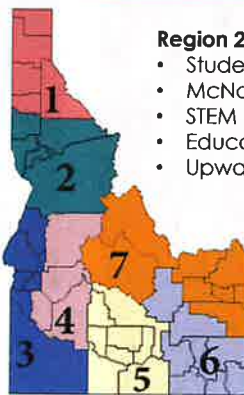
- Student Support Services
- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound

Region 2 (UI, LCSC)

- Student Support Services
- McNair
- STEM Upward Bound
- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound

Regions 3 & 4 (BSU, UI)

- Student Support Services
- Veterans Upward Bound
- McNair
- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Educational Opportunity Center



Regions 5, 6, & 7 (ISU)

- Student Support Services
- Veterans Upward Bound
- McNair
- STEM Upward Bound
- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Educational Opportunity Center

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TRIO Eligibility

TRIO Programs focus on serving:

- ▶ First Generation and Low-Income households
- ▶ Grants serve specific target schools in designated regions or geographic area
- ▶ Citizenship requirements may vary between programs, but many focus on US citizen or permanent residents

For EOC, we serve:

- ▶ Looking to enroll in, or is already enrolled in, a college or career training program
- ▶ Ages 19 and up (limited exceptions can be made)
- ▶ Focus on First Generation and Low-Income households
- ▶ Reside in Ada or Canyon County, but other EOCs serve Magic Valley and eastern Idaho
- ▶ **Must** have education levels below a Bachelor's Degree
- ▶ **Must** be a US citizen, permanent resident, or show intent to become a permanent resident

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TRIO Services

EOC has been supporting adults navigate accessing college for more than **20 years**.

- ▶ High School Equivalency and GED resources (along with covering GED testing fees)
- ▶ Career Exploration
- ▶ Comparing Programs and Schools
- ▶ College Applications and Admissions
- ▶ Financial Aid (Fill out FAFSA, verification requests, financial aid appeals, etc.)
- ▶ Default Loan Counseling
- ▶ And more!



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EOC helps with ANY program:

We help compare:

- Cost
- Length of program
- Support services
- Program outcomes (certifications, diplomas)
- Growth opportunities and stackable credentials

Be in charge of your education.

CHOOSE

a program that works for you!

Bachelor's Degree

A 4-year degree that includes general studies and specialized coursework in a particular field

Associate Degree

A 2-year degree that leads directly into the workforce or may transfer to complete a bachelor's degree

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

Combines technical training & academic coursework for skills leading directly into the workforce

Certification

Short term training that provides tailored skills for a specific job or industry

Apprenticeship

Earn as you learn! Combines on-the-job training with job-related instruction to earn industry recognized credentials



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Explore How to Pay for School



Certifications & Apprenticeships

State Funding

- Idaho Launch
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Other State Agencies

Employer contributions



CTE, Associate Degree, & Bachelor's Degree

FAFSA Eligible Programs

- Pell Grant
- Student Loans
- Work Study

Scholarships

- Internal: within the colleges and universities
- External: from private foundations

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Partnerships

Who we work with:

- ▶ Local Schools and Colleges
- ▶ Government Agencies
- ▶ Community Based Organizations
- ▶ Employers

How we partner:

- ▶ Referrals
- ▶ Presentations to staff or clients/workshops
- ▶ One-on-one assistance
- ▶ Connect participants to additional community services



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How to Connect with TRIO EOC

- ▶ Phone: 208-364-9925
- ▶ Email: eoc@uidaho.edu
- ▶ Website: www.uidaho.edu/eoc
 - ▶ "Schedule an Appointment" → Online Participant Form
 - ▶ "Contact Us" Form
- ▶ FindHelp Referral Form
 - ▶ <https://www.findhelpidaho.org/>

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