



2026 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

Due to your participation in a TRIO program, you have the opportunity to apply for one or more of the following \$500.00 scholarships:

- Student Support Services: 2 Year College Scholarship
- Student Support Services: 4 Year College Scholarship
- EOC Scholarship
- Talent Search Scholarship
- The Robert C “Bobby” Scott Classic Upward Bound Scholarship
- Upward Bound Math & Science Scholarship
- Veteran’s Upward Bound Scholarship
- Ronald E. McNair Scholarship
- Ollie Tolliver Legacy Scholarship*



*The Ollie Tolliver Legacy Scholarship will be awarded to the student who receives the highest score overall, without winning one of the other scholarships. If any of the 7 standard categories does not have an applicant, at that time multiple Ollie Tolliver Legacy Scholarships will be awarded (there will be at least two awarded, but there could be more). All Ollie Tolliver Legacy Scholarships will be awarded to students who have the highest score overall, without winning one of the other scholarships. This ensures that 9 scholarships will be awarded for the competition.

For Example: John Doe wins the Veteran’s Upward Bound Scholarship with 90 points. Sally Mae wins the Talent Search Scholarship with 98 points. Suzie Smith scored 97 points for the Talent Search Scholarship so she did not win the TS Scholarship, however, her 97 is higher than anyone else in any of the other categories then she will be awarded the first Ollie Tolliver Legacy Scholarship.

An additional \$500 will be awarded to the top scoring applicant overall.

PLEASE ATTACH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- The original application
- Educational Resume which includes the following Headings:
 - Career Goal
 - Co-Curricular Activities
 - Community Involvement & Volunteer Work
 - Honors & Awards
 - Work Experience
 - Any other important information
- Essay:
 - “How TRIO Programs Helped Me to Achieve My Goals”
 - 1 page, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point, with one inch margins
 - First and Last Name must be in a heading in the upper right hand corner
 - Title of essay must be centered at the top
- A transcript of current or most recent education (unofficial accepted)
- Letter of Recommendation and/or VAEOPP Scholarship Recommendation Form, as indicated in the General and Specific Program Qualification sections of the Scholarship Qualification sheet (1 from TRIO Personnel and 1 from School Personnel).

Evaluative Criteria:

• Application & Resume Appearance (neat, legible, etc)	10%
• Academic Performance	20%
• Co-Curricular Activities/Work Experience	10%
• Community Involvement/Volunteer Work	10%
• Honors & Awards	10%
• Essay:	
1-Content (“sell” your story)	10%
2-Creativity	10%
3-Grammar & Organization	10%
• Recommendations:	
1-Trio	5%
2-School Personnel	5%
	100%



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: First, Middle, Last _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____

Working Email Address _____ Birthdate _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile/Alternate Phone _____

College Student ID # (if applicable) _____ Sex _____

Program you participate in (can only mark 1 block):

- Classic Upward Bound
- EOC
- Student Support Services: 2 Year College
- Student Support Services: 4 Year College
- Talent Search
- Upward Bound Math & Science
- Veteran's Upward Bound
- McNair

Host Institution _____

Director's Name _____

Program Address _____

Recommended by (if not the director) _____

Dates of Program Participation _____

Contact Number _____ Contact Email Address _____

Institution Currently Enrolled In _____ GPA _____

Projected Graduation Date _____

Institution You Plan to Be Enrolled in Next Year _____

Projected Graduation Date _____

SIGNATURE** _____ DATE _____

**Applicant signature grants permission to use essay in TRIO or TRIO-related activities.