



Saint Peter's UNIVERSITY



TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

At **Saint Peter's University**, based in Jersey City, N.J., United States, we call ourselves the Peacocks. But it's much more than our athletic teams' name or a character on our t-shirts. You will know how it feels to be seen and known. You'll always have people in your corner, especially when it matters most. We proudly celebrate the strivers and achievers so that by the time you graduate from Saint Peter's, you'll know what you can do: a lot.

Through a **Federal Department of Education** grant competition, Saint Peter's University was awarded a five-year (2025-2030) TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant for **\$1.3 million** to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with college requirements, and motivate students toward successfully completing their degrees. TRIO SSS focuses on **supporting individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds**, as well as those who are the **first in their families** to pursue higher education and **individuals with disabilities**. These particular groups have historically been underrepresented in the realm of higher education.

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Free Services for Eligible TRIO SSS Participants:

- **Grant Aid Awards:** Extra financial support for those who qualify.
- **Summer Bridge Program (July):** A jumpstart for first-year students to get connected and ready for college life.
- **One-on-One Advising:** Personalized support with academics, career planning, and life decisions.
- **Career Exploration:** Hands-on guidance to help explore majors and discover career options.
- **Cultural & Enrichment Activities:** Opportunities to attend events and programs you might not experience otherwise.
- **Peer Mentoring:** Learn from upper-level students who've been where you are.
- **Help with Financial Aid & Scholarships:** Get support applying for aid, understanding your options, and finding scholarships.
- **Course Planning:** Help choosing the right classes to stay on track and meet your goals.
- **Grad School & Professional Program Support:** Guidance through the process of researching, preparing for, and applying to graduate programs.
- **Learning Community Courses (LCCs):** TRIO SSS students earn one college credit in TRIO Dynamics & College Learning during the fall semester of their freshman year, and another college credit in TRIO Career Development during the fall semester of their sophomore year both of which count toward graduation credits.

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Why study with Saint Peter's University? Inspired by our Jesuit identity, our focus is educating the whole person - keeping us grounded and focused on the individual. TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is funded to **serve 140 students annually**. The goal of SSS is to increase retention and graduation rates of participants through quality interactions, clear expectations and pathways to academic preparedness.



Scan the QR code to learn more including **application requirements, deadlines and event information**.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for the TRIO SSS program, students must meet the following criteria:

- A U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Enrolled full-time (minimum 12 credits) in a bachelor's degree program during the semester of application.
- Demonstrated academic need as determined by the TRIO SSS Program Director.
- Be a first-generation college student, OR
- Meet federal low-income guidelines, OR
- Documented disability verified through the University's Disability Services Office.

How To Apply:

- Submit the online application.
- Provide all requested supporting documentation to verify eligibility.
- All applications will be reviewed and screened in 10-15 business days.
- Application status updates will be provided by a TRIO SSS staff member.
- Complete an intake interview.

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