Who Qualifies?
A student who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident that is seeking their Bachelor Degree may qualify for the TRiO program with any one (or more) of the following criteria:

- First generation college student (neither parent earned a Bachelor Degree from a four-year university).
- Students who meet low income guidelines for federal financial aid.
- Students with documented disabilities.
The Funding for TRiO Programs

The TRiO Student Support Services program was started on September 1, 2001 with funding provided by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Kilgore College has been awarded over $6.25 million in grant funding by the U.S. Department of Education for the TRiO SSS and Upward Bound programs.

The TRiO SSS program serves college students and the TRiO Upward Bound program serves high school students.

Services Provided by TRiO

- One-on-one academic advising, personal, career, and transfer counseling
- CRLA certified tutoring center
- Computer lab designated for TRiO students
- Four-year college campus visits and educational cultural enrichment
- Textbook Donation Drive and Lending Services for participants
- Workshops on becoming a successful student
- Money management workshops
- Assistance with completing FAFSA and scholarship applications
- Community Service and Leadership Development

Successes of the TRiO Program

- 80% of students have maintained good academic standing for each year since 2001
- The TRiO Program has awarded over $50,000 in scholarships to TRiO students in addition to outside scholarships
- The first College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) master’s level certified tutoring program at Kilgore College

If it had not been for the TRiO program and all the wonderful people in TRiO that assisted me with my college experience, I would not have graduated and transferred to UT Tyler to complete my Bachelor’s degree. I started my college adventure at the age of 41 and felt very overwhelmed and like a duck out of water. It was very difficult, but with the help of TRiO and 3 instructors, who constantly supported and encouraged me, I successfully completed a life-long dream of obtaining a college education.

– Jackie Kelley, KC graduate 2004, Bachelor Degree, UT Tyler
  Assistant Director, KC Financial Aid

I am a living testimony to how much (the TRiO program) assists people and makes them feel good about coming to school and learning. You make people feel like they are someone special and are going to make a big difference in the world.

– James Cureton, KC graduate 2005, Bachelor and Master Degrees, SHSU, PhD, OU

When I received a letter of congratulations for earning a 4.0 in my classes (including developmental courses) I was really encouraged and motivated to keep going and complete my degree. Now I’m the Supplemental Instruction Leader for Sociology (my major) and am the KCTC President.

– Kami Rutherford, class of 2012, Bachelor and Master Degrees, Texas State, Doctoral Candidate, LSU