

# TRIO scholarship program information

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## Who can apply?

Transplant recipients are not the only ones who are eligible to apply for a TRIO scholarship. As long as someone in the applicant's family is a member of TRIO, and the applicant has some direct connection to transplantation (as recipient, living donor, donor family, or member of a family with at least one recipient), they meet the TRIO membership requirement. Obviously as part of the scholarship application process, anyone can also become a local chapter member or pay the \$20 dues directly to the national office to become a TRIO member-at-large.

Note: As a general rule for applying for TRIO membership, an applicant can still request to join as a TRIO member even if they cannot afford those dues.

## Qualifications

In addition to being a TRIO member, the only other major requirements for an applicant are that he/she has maintained a 2.5 GPA in school, and that he/she has filled out and electronically submitted the full application accurately and completely before the program deadline - June 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

Note: see the application form available for downloading on TRIO's website: <http://TRIOweb.org> under the menu item: RESOURCES

## Selection process

The process of selecting TRIO scholarship winners goes as follows:

- a committee of five people, each of whom reviews each eligible candidate's scholarship application and grades each individual's responses for each category
  - GPA, financial need, objectives/goals, honors/awards, extracurricular/volunteer activities, recommendations and how transplantation has affected them
- a numbering system makes individual grading non-prejudicial. After all candidate applications are graded, the TRIO national office adds up the numbers each committee member has submitted then averages them to come up with a summary number for each applicant producing a ranked listing.
- Using that list, the committee comes together via teleconference and comes to a conclusion as to who are the top candidates.
- Then based on how much money has been donated will determine how many of the candidates can be awarded scholarships

## Scholarship award process

Applicants are notified of the results with scholarship winners required

- to acknowledge acceptance of the award and
- to provide school information where the scholarship money will be sent
- in the Fall, scholarship award monies are sent to each school directly
- each winner is encouraged to send a thank you to their local chapter

## Questions:

For further questions contact the national office via e-mail: [info@TRIOweb.org](mailto:info@TRIOweb.org) or phone: **1-813-800-TRIO(8746)**