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TO: TRIO Director/Coordinator
FROM: Stephanie Langley: TASP Scholarship Committee Chair
DATE: April 7, 2016
RE: Call for 2016 TASP Merit Award Nominations

The time has come for nominations for TASP Merit Award Scholarships. The TASP association will award a total of seven \$400.00 scholarships: one scholarship each for Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, Veteran's Upward Bound, and Ronald E. McNair programs.

Please have your students complete the attached application in full. The application can also be downloaded from the TASP website at <http://www.tasp trio.org>. Only one application per program will be accepted. If your campus has more than one of the same programs, please make the distinction clear for the reviewers. Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, April 29, 2016.

In order to be considered the TRiO/TASP staff member must be a current member of TASP and their institutional membership fees must be current as well. Please contact Mark Cotter, mscotter@pstcc.edu, to ensure that both memberships are current. If both memberships are not current, the application will be DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

If you have questions, you can contact Stephanie Langley at slangley@tusculum.edu or 865-693-1177.

The material is being sent to Program Directors/Coordinators only. Please share with your staff as you deem necessary.

All applications are due by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, April 29, 2016.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Langley

TASP Scholarship Chair

TO: TASP Directors/Coordinators

DATE: April 7, 2016

RE: **CALL FOR TASP PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:**
DUE DATE: APRIL 29, 2016

The Tennessee Association of Special Programs is pleased to announce our annual scholarship competition. TRIO participants are invited to compete for Pre-College Scholarship awards of \$400.00. These awards may be used to help defray postsecondary educational costs during the 2016 academic year.

Enclosed are application materials needed to apply for these scholarships along with a list of current TASP individual and institutional members. The application can also be downloaded on TASP's website at <http://www.tasptrio.org>. **Only one application may be submitted per TRIO program. Institutions which have more than one program (e.g. Student Support Service, Educational Opportunity Center, Veterans Upward Bound, and McNair Scholars, Educational Talent Search (ETS participants age 19 and older)) may submit an application for each project. Sponsors of applicants MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF TASP as well as their respective institutions. Refer to the list of TASP's individual and institutional members to ensure your membership is current or contact Mark Cotter, mccotter@pstcc.edu.**

NOTE: Institutions/agencies that send more than one application from the same program will be disqualified.

Applicants will be judged and rated in the following areas (see **Rating Scale for Detailed Point Values**)

Please be sure to go over the applications with your students for accuracy and completion before submitting

1. Essay (content, grammar, format, etc.) (40 points)
2. Academic performance/scholarship (GPA, ACT/SAT) (15 points)
3. Honors and awards (15 points)
4. Two recommendation letters (10 points)
5. Leadership/school activities, community service (detailed description of service) and TRiO Activities (20 points)

Each application will be reviewed and rated by the TASP Scholarship Committee. No applicant's material will be reviewed by a person from the same institution and each application will have at least three readers.

Applicants and their sponsors will be notified of results by the end of **May 2016**. The names of winners will be announced at the Student Initiatives and posted on TASP's website (www.tasptrio.org).

In order for winners to receive their awards, students must provide official verification of FALL 2016 enrollment in a postsecondary institution by **September 30, 2016 to Mark Cotter. Award checks will be issued during the fall semester and made payable to the student.**

All completed applications must be emailed to Stephanie Langley, slangley@tusculum.edu, by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, April 29, 2016.

Stephanie Langley
TASP Scholarship Chair

TASP Pre-College 2016 Scholarship Application

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Each applicant for a TASP Pre-College Scholarship **MUST:**

1. Have participated in one of the federally-funded TRIO Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science or Talent Search (pre-college) programs during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the deadline date for filing this application.
2. Be a high school senior with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. *NOTE: An applicant who is not currently enrolled in school must have met the criteria listed herein at the school last attended, or the applicant must have scored an average of at least 50 on the General Education Development (GED) test or a 70 on the HiSET.*
3. Be sponsored/recommended by a TRIO/TASP staff member of the project in which the applicant participates. **NOTE: The TRIO/TASP staff member must be a current member of TASP as well as their institution. The TRIO/TASP staff member can email Charles White @ crw@matthew-reed.com or rmedonough@bgctnv.org to ensure his/her institution and individual membership are current. If membership is not current, the application will be disqualified. No exceptions will be made.**

MATERIALS WHICH MUST BE SUBMITTED (Please make sure these are included in the application)

1. An official TASP Pre-College Scholarship Application completed in its entirety. Included in the application should be a 300-word essay (maximum).
2. **An official high school transcript and official proof of ACT/SAT scores.**
3. A Letter of Recommendation from the sponsoring TRIO staff member.
4. A Letter of Recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, principal, etc.).
5. A picture and short bio emailed to slangley@tusculum.edu. A short bio and picture of the winners will be posted on TASP's website (www.tasp trio.org).

ALL Materials should be e-mailed to:
Stephanie Langley
slangley@tusculum.edu

All required materials must be in by 5:00 pm EST, April 29, 2016

TASP PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2016 RATING SCALE

ITEM	DETAILED POINT VALUES			
<p style="text-align: center;">ESSAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Essay must be between 250-300 words(max)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Note essay rating categories, help students in the writing process, majority of scores</i></p>	<p>Essay is rated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content • Communications Skills (grammar, punctuation, and spelling) • Organization 			<p>Points</p> <p>1 - 20</p> <p>1 - 10</p> <p>1 - 10</p> <p>-----</p> <p>40</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE / SCHOLARSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Provide official proof of SAT/ACT scores, points will not be given without proper documentation</i></p>	<p><u>GPA (4.0) Scale</u></p> <p>3.80 to 4.00</p> <p>3.50 to 3.79</p> <p>3.00 to 3.49</p>	<p><u>HiSET</u></p> <p>91-100</p> <p>81-90</p> <p>70-80</p>	<p><u>GED (Average Score)</u></p> <p>Above 57</p> <p>56 to 57</p> <p>54 to 55</p>	<p>Points</p> <p>10</p> <p>8</p> <p>6</p> <p>10</p> <p>Total Possible Points – GPA or GED =</p> <hr/> <p><u>SAT Score</u></p> <p>1100-1600</p> <p>1000-1090</p> <p>900-990</p> <p>800-890</p> <p>700-790</p>
		OR	<p><u>ACT Score</u></p> <p>24-36</p> <p>22-23</p> <p>20-21</p> <p>18-19</p> <p>16-17</p>	<p>Points:</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>5</p> <p>-----</p> <p>15</p>
		Total Possible Points – Academic Performance/Scholarship =		15
<p style="text-align: center;">HONORS AND AWARDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please be sure to distinguish academic and non-academic awards and honors</i></p>	<p>Academic Honor or Award</p> <p>Non-Academic Honor or Award</p>			<p>Points:</p> <p>2 points each</p> <p>1 point each</p> <p>-----</p> <p>15 points</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 1 (<i>sponsoring TRIO staff member</i>) • Recommendation 2 (<i>a school official—teacher, counselor, principal</i>) 			<p>Points</p> <p>0 – 5</p> <p>0 – 5</p> <p>-----</p> <p>10</p>
		Total Possible Points – Recommendations =		10
<p style="text-align: center;">LEADERSHIP / SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE, AND TRIO ACTIVITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Office (<i>President, Vice President, or Chair</i>) • Other Office (<i>Secretary, Treasurer, etc.</i>) • Committee Member • Community Volunteer Service • TRIO Activities (<i>beyond general participation—i.e., mentor, tutor, etc.</i>) <p>Points in this section are per organization/agency and office or activity listed. Make sure to clearly define these areas, maximum total points for this section is 15.</p>			<p>Score</p> <p>4 points each</p> <p>3 points each</p> <p>2 points each</p> <p>3 points each</p> <p>3 points each</p> <p>-----</p> <p>15</p>
		Total Possible Points – Leadership, School Activities, etc. =		15
			Total Possible Points – Overall =	100

TASP PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: APRIL 29, 2016

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
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Permanent/Home Address _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE #

E-mail address _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Project (Check One) UB UBMS ETS Date Entered: _____

High School Attended/Currently Attending _____ H.S. Graduation Date _____

Location/Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College/University you will attend in Fall 2016 _____

Location _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

High School GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____ or GED Average: _____

ACT or SAT Scores: _____ Exam Date: _____

College Major/Expected Major _____

Career Goal _____

PART II: TRIO PROJECT / SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name of director for TRIO project in which you participate _____

Phone Number () _____ E-mail address _____

Sponsor's Name* _____ Position/Title _____

Sponsor's Institution/Agency _____

Sponsor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number () _____

NOTE: *The individual who sponsors the applicant for the Scholarship above must be a current member of TASP and institutional member. Membership status of the sponsor and institution will be verified by the TASP scholarship chair.

PART III HONORS and AWARDS RECEIVED - List the academic or non-academic honors and awards you have received.

Name of Honor/Award	Issued By	Date Received
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

PART IV LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEER SERVICE INVOLVEMENT/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – List leadership roles held; service projects, volunteer committees or programs; TRIO activities; or other activities you have participated in while attending high school.

Name of Activity/Service	Dates Participated	Office Held [Include Date(s)]
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

PART V CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

By my signature which appears below, I certify that the student making application for this scholarship is a participant in the project which I direct and that he or she is otherwise eligible to compete for this award.

DIRECTOR’S NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PART VI ESSAY

Submit an essay entitled, “How my Involvement in (Name of TRIO Program) Has Assisted Me in Preparation for College Success and Success in Life”. Essays should be typewritten, and between 250-300 words.