

TO: TASP Members

DATE: April 3, 2017

RE: CALL FOR TASP ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
DUE DATE: APRIL 28, 2017

The Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) is pleased to announce its annual scholarship competition. TRIO participants are invited to compete for Adult Learner Scholarship awards of \$400.00. These awards may be used to help defray postsecondary educational costs during the 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 Virginia Reed, Vrreed@NortheastState.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 Rubric 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.) (50 points)
2. Academic performance/scholarship (10 points)
3. Two recommendation letters (10 points)
4. Leadership, school activities, and community volunteer service (20 points)
5. TRIO activities (10 points)

Each application will be reviewed and rated by the TASP Scholarship Committee. No applicant's materials will be reviewed by a person from the same college, university, or agency.

Applicants and their sponsors will be notified of results by the end of **May 2017**. The names and schools of winners will be announced at the Student Initiatives and on TASP's website (www.tasptrio.org).

In order for winners to receive their awards, students must provide official verification of FALL 2017 enrollment in a postsecondary institution by **September 30, 2017 to Virginia Reed. Award checks will be issued during the fall semester and made payable to the student.**

All completed applications must be emailed to Bill Hailey, haileyw@apsu.edu, by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, April 28, 2017.

Bill Hailey
TASP Scholarship Chair

TASP ADULT LEARNER 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Each applicant for a TASP Adult Learner Scholarship **MUST:**

1. Have participated in one of the federally-funded TRIO programs (SSS, EOC, VUB, McNAIR, or TS (age 19 and older))
2. Be a freshman, sophomore, or junior in college with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average; be a college senior (*only if they are planning to enroll in a graduate school program following the award announcement*); or, if not currently enrolled in school, be an individual who has met the criteria listed herein at the school last attended or has scored an average of at least 50 on the General Education Development (GED) test or 70 on the HiSet.
3. Be sponsored/recommended by a TRIO/TASP staff member of the project in which the applicant participates.
NOTE: Both the TRIO program and sponsoring staff member must be current members of TASP.

Materials that must be submitted

1. Complete an official TASP Adult Learner Scholarship Application in its entirety. Included in the application is space for a 300-word essay (maximum). **Please have student write based upon criteria outlined on the essay page.**
2. Provide an official college transcript or a GED Certificate listing official written verification of scores. *Note: an official high school transcript is to be submitted only if the applicant is not currently enrolled in college.*
3. Provide a Letter of Recommendation from the sponsoring TRIO staff member.
4. Provide a Letter of Recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, principal, president, dean, etc.). *A TRIO staff member may provide the second letter, only if the applicant is not currently enrolled in college.*
5. Email a picture and short bio to slangley@tusculum.edu. A short bio and picture of the winners will be posted on TASP's website (www.tasptrio.org).

All required materials must be in by 5:00 pm EST, April 28, 2017

***Email all materials to:**

Bill Hailey

haileyw@apsu.edu

TASP ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017 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 (maximum)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note this is a major category, have students review their essay in key areas listed and write based on criteria required</i></p>	<p>Essay is rated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content • Communications Skills (grammar, punctuation, and spelling) • Organization <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – Essay =</p>			<p>Points:</p> <p>1 - 30</p> <p>1 - 10</p> <p>1 - 10</p> <p>-----</p> <p>50</p>
<p>ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE / SCHOLARSHIP</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>-----</p> <p>10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – GPA or GED =</p>
RECOMMENDATIONS	<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 style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – Recommendations =</p>			<p>Points:</p> <p>0 – 5</p> <p>0 – 5</p> <p>-----</p> <p>10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Points in this section are given per organization/agency in each category with a maximum total points of 25</i></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 • Academic Honor or Award • Non-Academic Honor or Award • Community Volunteer Service <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – Leadership, School Activities, etc. =</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please be sure to clearly distinguish each category as point values are higher in certain areas and are based upon clarity and distinction with a maximum points of 25 for this category.</i></p>			<p>Points:</p> <p>5 points each</p> <p>4 points each</p> <p>3 points each</p> <p>2 points each</p> <p>1 points each</p> <p>3 point each</p> <p>-----</p> <p>20</p>
TRIO ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIO Activities (<i>beyond general participation—i.e., mentor, tutor</i>) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>General participation does not merit extra points in this category, please specify activity.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – TRIO Activities =</p>			<p>Points:</p> <p>0 – 5</p> <p>-----</p> <p>10</p>
Total Possible Points – Overall =				100

TASP ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: APRIL 28, 2017

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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

E-mail address _____

Local/School Address (if different from above) _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE () TELEPHONE #

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Project (Check One) SSS EOC VUB McNAIR ETS (age 19 or older) Date Entered: _____

High School Attended _____ H.S. Graduation Date _____

Location/Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College/University you currently attend/will attend in Fall 2016 _____

Location _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Classification in college (e.g. freshman, etc.) _____

Date you expect to graduate (Month/Year) _____

Overall College GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____ or GED Average: _____ or HiSet Score _____

High School GPA (if not enrolled college): _____ (Enclose most current transcript-College or GED/HiSet or High School)

College Major/Expected Major _____

Career Goal _____

PART II: TRIO PROJECT / SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name of director for TRIO project in which you participate(d) _____

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 as well as an institutional member.** Membership status of the sponsor will be verified by TASP scholarship chair.

PART III: LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE, AND TRIO ACTIVITIES

List leadership roles; school activities; community volunteer or service; TRIO activities; or other activities you have participated in. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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

PART IV: 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 V: 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.” Your essay must be typewritten, and be between 250-300 words.