

MISSION

By promoting postsecondary education through engaging and innovative services, the KU TRIO Talent Search Program seeks to empower participants in grades six through 12 to reach their college and career dreams. We are dedicated to helping students achieve success through the leadership principles of educational equality, engagement, and excellence.

“TRIO TALENT SEARCH COMPLETELY CHANGED MY LIFE BY GUIDING ME TO THE PROPER COLLEGE AND CAREER PATH, HELPING ME DISCOVER MY EDUCATIONAL TALENTS, INFLUENCING MY ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS, AND ENCOURAGING ME TO REMAIN POSITIVE.”

— Juan, KCK Public Schools and
Kansas State University graduate

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OUR HISTORY

Funded entirely by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and established in 1988, TRIO Talent Search is a free college-access program administered at the University of Kansas by the Center for Educational Opportunity Programs in the Achievement & Assessment Institute. This program, employing early intervention, encourages participants to succeed in school, pursue postsecondary education, and earn a certificate, associate's degree, or baccalaureate degree. KU's TRIO Talent Search serves students in the Kansas City, Kansas Public School District.

“TRIO TALENT SEARCH HAS EXPOSED ME TO MANY DIFFERENT COLLEGES AND MAJORS, WHICH WILL HELP ME BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE.”

— Kendon



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WHO MAY APPLY?

To participate, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 11 years of age
- Have completed the fifth grade
- Live in Kansas City, Kansas
- Be a middle-school or high-school student
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Express a desire to pursue and attain a postsecondary education

Talent Search is one of eight 100% federally funded TRIO Programs of the U.S. Department of Education, administered at KU by the Center for Educational Opportunity Programs. The name TRIO was coined for the original three programs started in the 1960s.

SERVICES

- College planning workshops
- Academic preparation activities
- Career exploration workshops
- College & career advising
- Financial-aid information
- Scholarship site: KCKscholarships.org
- Test-taking workshops
- Family-centered workshops
- Mentoring
- Campus visits to potential postsecondary schools
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) activities
- Summer programs

“TRIO TALENT SEARCH HAS IMPACTED MY LIFE SIGNIFICANTLY. THEY REALLY BELIEVE IN ME, AND I NOW HAVE THE TOOLS AND GUIDANCE TO GET THROUGH ANY CHALLENGE.”

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