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TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Interest Form

Student Information	Date:Citizenship: □ U.S. Citizen □ Permanent Resident Name: (First, Middle, Last)UTRGV I.D.: Permanent Address: City: State: UTRGV Email Address:			
Demographics	Gender: □ Male □ Female Pronouns: Date of Birth: Marital Status: □Single □Married □Separated □Divorced □Widowed Ethnicity: (please mark all that apply) □ Hispanic □ American Indian/Alaskan Native □ White □ Black/ African American □ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander □ Asian □ Other, please specify:			
Eligibility	Have either of your parents received a four-year bachelor's degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you registered with UTRGV Student Accessibility Services? ☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever participated in a TRIO Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No • If yes, please select: ☐ Veterans Upward Bound ☐ Upward Bound Classic ☐ Upward Bound Math & Science ☐ Talent Search Active Dates/Semesters:			
Enrollment Information	Are you currently enrolled at UTRGV?			

TRiO SSS at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) values a positive, respectful and civil learning and work environment. UTRGV is committed to an educational and work environment that provides equal opportunity to all members of the university community. In accordance with federal and state law, the university prohibits unlawful discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, including sexual harassment, age, disability, citizenship, and veteran status.

Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression is also prohibited.

Income Verification

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Are you currently receiving financial aid, such as Pell Grant and/or scholarships through the UTRGV Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships? □Yes \square No For federal financial aid purposes, are you considered a **Dependent** or **Independent** student? □ **Dependent Student**: You are considered dependent if you do not meet one or more of the criteria for independent status. ☐ **Independent Student**: A financially independent student must meet **one** of the following criteria: at least 24 years old by Dec. 31 orphan or ward of court at 18 years old married veteran or active duty military have legal dependents homeless as a minor Family size in household, including yourself (this includes everyone living in home) Please choose one of the following options for us to verify your income: ☐ FAFSA data on file with UTRGV. ☐ Income Tax Return: A **signed** copy of my parent/guardian's tax return for the most recent tax year is attached. If you are independent student, you will need to provide a copy of your income tax form for the most recent tax year. Use parent/guardian's income tax return if **dependent**. ☐ My parent/guardian and I respectfully decline to provide a copy of our tax return for the most recent tax year but will report taxable income that is listed on the income tax return for the most recent tax year. \$ ☐ My parent/guardian and/or I did not submit a federal income tax return for the most recent tax year but attest that the taxable income from all sources for the most recent tax year was: \$ PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED: Parent/Guardian Printed Name (if Dependent) Parent/Guardian Signature (if Dependent)

Agreement

I would like to participate in TRiO SSS. I hereby certify that the information provided in this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give consent for SSS to access my student records at UTRGV, including both academic and financial records. In addition, I give consent to SSS staff to share my information with other staff, faculty, and mentors if it will assist with my academic success.

I understand that completion of this form does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Once accepted, I understand I must remain active in the program and meet the requirements. Failure to follow requirements or recommendations may result in removal from the SSS program.

Furthermore, I grant permission to SSS staff to include my name and/or picture for marketing purposes, including but not limited to the website, publication, social media and presentations. I understand that by signing this application I am also authorizing SSS to communicate with me through various methods (email, GroupMe, etc.)

Student Signature:	Date:	