



## Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**DUE January 20, 2025 at midnight**

**MEAEOPP** is pleased to be able to offer a **scholarship opportunity** to help defray college expenses for outstanding **TRIO students for the 2025-2026 academic year**. The MEAEOPP Scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000.

### General Guidelines for TRIO Programs

- Every type of TRIO program is eligible to compete.
- The TRIO program **MUST** have at least one current MEAEOPP member at the time the application is submitted.
- Nominations are limited to **ONE** per TRIO program.
- Applications must be **completed by the nominator** via Google form.
- All 8 sections of the Google application (**Recommending Program Information, Applicant Information, Applicant Resume of Activities, Applicant Essay, Transcripts, Letter of Recommendation #1, Letter of Recommendation #2, and Photo of Nominee**) **MUST** be received by the specified deadline. If any part is missing from the package, it will be automatically disqualified from consideration.

### Requirements for Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the MEAEOPP Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

#### High School Students (Pre-College Scholarships)

- Participants from the following programs are welcome to apply: Upward Bound (UB), Upward Bound Math/ Science (UBMS), Talent Search (TS) or Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)
- Must be a program participant for at least one year upon completion of the current academic/school year
- Must submit a high school transcript or GED verification (unofficial copies will be accepted) that reflects the following: completion of the following credits by the end of the current academic/school year: **THREE** academic mathematics credits, **FOUR** academic English credits, and **TWO** academic science credits
- Possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of a C (2.0) in academic courses as of the second marking period of their senior year
- Must submit **TWO** letters of recommendation: (1) a letter from the sponsoring TRIO program which highlights academic growth and potential, personal qualities, and overall accomplishments, and (2) a letter from **academic instructor OR college professor/academic instructor, or a community or professional affiliate** (employer, clergy, social worker, etc.)



## College Students (College Scholarships)

Qualifications for this category vary by specific program type. PLEASE be careful to locate your program's specific qualifications below.

- Participants from the following programs are welcome to apply: Student Support Services (SSS), Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement (McNair), Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) and Talent Search (TS)
- (McNair and SSS only) Be a program participant for at least two semesters/three quarters upon completion of the current semester/quarter
- (McNair and SSS only) Have successfully completed a minimum of twelve (12) credits while enrolled in the program (unofficial copies of transcripts will be accepted)
- (SSS; McNair and EOC if applicable) Possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
- Must submit **TWO** letters of recommendation: (1) a letter from the sponsoring TRIO program which highlights academic growth and potential, personal qualities, and overall accomplishments, and (2) a letter from **academic instructor OR college professor/academic instructor, or a community or professional affiliate** (employer, clergy, social worker, etc.)
- (SSS, McNair, and EOC if applicable) Must submit college transcripts; if applicable, transcripts from previously attended institutions must also be submitted

Applications will be evaluated by scoring teams, and **the official announcement of the award recipients will occur at the MEAEOPP conference at the Hotel Roanoke, February 16-19, 2025.** Award recipients will also be notified by e-mail after the conference and will be required to provide 1) an enrollment verification form and 2) proof of enrollment for Fall 2025 prior to receiving their scholarship check. Their nominators will be copied on the message to provide any assistance needed with enrollment verification. If verification is not provided by a winner, or if a winner is not enrolled in school by September 1, 2025, the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to the next highest scorer in the same category.

**Please note: One notification email will be sent to award winners by the end of March 2025, and a second email requesting the verification documents will be sent between mid-July and mid-August. Recipients will be mailed a check made out in their given name after all documents are received.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Loriann Irving, Scholarship Chair, at 610-554-0995 or via e-mail at [irving@kutztown.edu](mailto:irving@kutztown.edu). On behalf of the entire Scholarship Committee, we look forward to receiving your application!



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## Checklist and Detailed Instructions for Successful Completion of the 2025-2026 MEAEOPP Scholarship Application

The MEAEOPP Scholarship Application is due on **January 20, 2025**. PLEASE carefully follow all instructions included in the Google form. DO NOT send any additional supporting materials.

The MEAEOPP Scholarship Application includes the following 8 sections to be **filled out by the nominator** on the Google form:

- **Section 1, Recommending Program Information:** Institution nominating the student, TRIO program, and information about nominator.
- **Section 2, Applicant Information:** Name, email, birthdate, address, cell number, current school, GPA, expected graduation date, institution where nominee will be in Fall 2025, expected field of study.
- **Section 3, Applicant Resume of Activities:** Upload nominee's resume with Work Experience, Co-Curricular activities with dates, Community Involvement with dates, and Honors/Awards with dates.
- **Section 4, Application Essay:** Upload the nominee's essay answering the following prompt-- "**How TRIO program(s) Helped Me Achieve My Goals and Why I Should Be Selected as a MEAEOPP Scholarship recipient.**" Essay should be double-spaced and a maximum of 350 words. The font must be legible and at least size 12 with page margins no less than 0.5.
- **Section 5, Transcripts:** Upload the nominee's most current transcript from his/her high school/GED program or undergraduate institution(s). Unofficial copies will be accepted.
- **Section 6, Recommendation Letter #1:** Submit the nominee's recommendation letter from the sponsoring TRIO program which **highlights academic growth and potential, personal qualities, and overall accomplishments.**
- **Section 7, Recommendation Letter #2:** Submit the nominee's recommendation letter from an **academic instructor OR college professor/academic instructor, or a community or professional affiliate** (employer, clergy, social worker, etc.)
- **Section 8, Photo of the Nominee:** Submit a photo of the nominee in case they are a winner. If your nominee is a winner, this photo will be featured in our PowerPoint slideshow shown at the MEAEOPP conference in February.

Applications must be completed by Google form using the following link by **Monday, January 20, 2025**

<https://forms.gle/bH3XLZskAfb5RyAb8>