



TRIO Starting Point Program Application

Student Information

Name: _____ Student Tech ID: _____ Social Security #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Birth Date: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

StarID: _____ Personal Email Address: _____

Please check all that apply to you:

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Preferred pronoun: _____

Residency: ☐ US Citizen ☐ Refugee ☐ Permanent Resident (ID# _____)

Ethnicity (Hispanic) : ☐ Yes ☐ No

Race (check all that apply): ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian
☐ Black or African-American ☐ White ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Please answer the following questions:

1. Please select the highest level of education completed:

Mother/Guardian: ☐ Primary (1-6) ☐ Secondary (7-12) ☐ Some college, no degree
☐ Associate degree ☐ Bachelor's degree ☐ Master's degree or higher ☐ Other _____

Father/Guardian: ☐ Primary (1-6) ☐ Secondary (7-12) ☐ Some college, no degree
☐ Associate degree ☐ Bachelor's degree ☐ Master's degree or higher ☐ Other _____

2. Do you have a documented disability? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please attach a copy of your documentation or verification letter from Accessibility Resource Center

Federal regulations require that we verify your income.

3. Have you applied for financial aid (FAFSA) this academic year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please furnish us with appropriate signed documentation (select one):

☐ Your most recent federal tax return (if you are dependent include verification of income from both you and your parents.)

☐ Proof of SSI or disability income

☐ Other

4. What is the size of your household, including yourself? _____

5. High School Completion: ☐ Diploma ☐ GED ☐ PSEO ☐ Not Completed

6. Do you already have a college degree? ☐ No ☐ Yes

7. List any other Post-Secondary institutions you have attended:

8. Have you been out of school for more than 5 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Is English your first language? ☐ Yes ☐ No Native Language(s): _____

10. I am homeless or at risk of being homeless: ☐Yes ☐No
11. I was in foster care since turning age 13: ☐Yes ☐No
12. I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13: ☐Yes ☐No
13. I am a veteran or currently a member of the military: ☐Yes ☐No
14. How did you hear about our program? _____
15. Did you participate in any TRIO program? ☐Yes ☐No
- If Yes, please check program: ☐ Starting Point (at Minneapolis College) ☐ Educational Opportunity Center
☐ Student Support Services (at other school) ☐ Veterans Upward Bound ☐ Educational Talent Search
☐ High School Upward Bound
16. Do you plan to complete a degree at MCTC? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unsure
- If yes, which major? _____
17. Do you plan to transfer to a 4-year college or university? ☐Yes ☐No ☐Unsure
- If yes, which schools are you considering? _____
18. Are you a current Power of You student? ☐Yes ☐No
- Do you currently work or volunteer? ☐Yes ☐No Please select all that apply to you: ☐ Work ☐ Volunteer
- Where do you work/volunteer? _____
- How many hours per week do you work/volunteer? _____

In Case of Emergency

Please provide the name and contact information for someone who will always know how to reach you:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Needs Assessment: Please check any of the following items which describe you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Afraid of failing in college | <input type="checkbox"/> Test anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty finding child care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure of major and career plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Out of school too long | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to technology & other academic resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure of college expectations | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal computer/internet skills | <input type="checkbox"/> May need personal advising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure which classes I need to graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerned about money | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty managing money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure about transfer options & requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerned about study skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty finding housing/food |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Need to build job skills/resume | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Want leadership experience | |

What obstacle(s) would most likely prevent you from completing your academic goals?

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> History of alcohol or drug use | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate academic preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No support system | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal/health concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Family responsibilities or concerns | |

Write 3-6 sentences about your educational goals and how Starting Point can help you achieve them.

Supplementary Advising Questionnaire*

This questionnaire is about your thoughts and feelings, and is a helpful tool as it relates to student success. All information will be kept confidential. Some demographic information is requested. There are no right or wrong answers, so try to answer as honestly as you can. It is important that you do not skip items; please attempt all of them. Completing this questionnaire will assist your advisor in working proactively with you to better understand your background and needs.

Please fill in the blank or select the appropriate answers.

1. Your father's occupation: _____
2. Your mother's occupation: _____
3. How much education do you expect to get during your lifetime?
☐ College, but less than a bachelor's degree
☐ B.A. or equivalent
☐ 1 or 2 years of graduate or professional study (Master's degree)
☐ Doctoral degree such as M.D., Ph.D., etc.
4. Please list three goals that you have for yourself right now:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
5. About 50% of college students typically leave before receiving a degree. If this should happen to you, what would be the most likely cause?

<input type="checkbox"/> Absolutely certain that I will obtain a degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disinterest in study
<input type="checkbox"/> To accept a good job	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of academic ability
<input type="checkbox"/> To enter military service	<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient reading or study skills
<input type="checkbox"/> It would cost more than my family could afford	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage	
6. Please list three things that you are proud of having done:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**This questionnaire is adapted from William E. Sedlacek's book *Beyond the Big Test: Noncognitive Assessment in Higher Education* (2004).*

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following items. Respond to the statements below with your feelings at present or with your expectations of how things will be. Select the best answer.

7. Minneapolis College should use its influence to improve social conditions in the state.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
8. It should not be very hard to get a B (3.0) average at Minneapolis College.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
9. I get easily discouraged when I try to do something and it doesn't work.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
10. I am sometimes looked up to by others.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
11. If I run into problems concerning school, I have someone who would listen to me and help me.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
12. There is no use in doing things for people, you only find that you get it in the neck in the long run.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
13. In groups where I am comfortable, I am often looked to as a leader.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
14. I expect to have a harder time than most students at Minneapolis College.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
15. Once I start something, I finish it.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
16. When I believe strongly in something, I act on it.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
17. I am as skilled academically as the average applicant to Minneapolis College.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
18. I expect I will encounter racism at Minneapolis College.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
19. People can pretty easily change me even though I thought my mind was already made up on the subject.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
20. My friends and relatives **don't** feel I should go to college.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
21. My family has always wanted me to go to college.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
22. If course tutoring is made available on campus at no cost, I would attend regularly.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
23. I want a chance to prove myself academically.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
24. My high school grades **don't** really reflect what I can do.
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree
25. Please list offices held and/or groups belonged to in high school or in your community.

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COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

If accepted into the TRIO Starting Point program, I agree to the following:

- I will attend the Starting Point Orientation.
- I will meet with my TRIO Starting Point program advisor in person, by email or telephone, at least 3 times per semester.
- I will participate in at least 2 program activities per semester.
- I will complete the CliftonStrengths® assessment.
- I will complete the financial literacy requirement.
- I will develop an Individual Success Plan with my program advisor. Following this plan will help me achieve my academic goals.
- I will use and check my school email regularly in order to maintain good communication and aid in my success.

I hereby give Minneapolis Community & Technical College & TRIO Starting Point the right to use, reproduce, and to permit the use to others of all photographs, negatives, film, video and audio recordings, interviews, testimonials and text taken of me or gathered from me for educational, publication, or marketing purposes without further compensation and consenting that all this material shall be solely and completely, in perpetuity, the property of Minneapolis College.

I hereby acknowledge, understand and accept responsibility for any resource I check out from TRIO Starting Point. I am aware of the potential charges for replacement of all damaged, lost, or stolen resources and/or accessories/parts, including damage due to spills from food and/or drink, not to exceed the total value (up to \$2000.00) while in my possession, and I willingly accept this responsibility. This excludes normal wear and tear.

Minneapolis College is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. Minneapolis College is asking for this information in order to process your application for Starting Point services. You are not legally required to provide the information Minneapolis College is requesting; however, Minneapolis College may not be able to process your application if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent: to federal, state or local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit or evaluation; as appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of, financial aid; to your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes; if the information is sought with a subpoena, court order, or otherwise permitted by other state or federal law. In addition, the TRIO Starting Point program may determine that it is necessary to collect information relevant to your participation in the program from outside sources and other college departments. The information collected will be used solely for the purpose of your participation in the TRIO Starting Point program. I release the staff of TRIO Starting Point and my instructors from all legal responsibility on liability that may arise from the actions I have authorized.

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct.

Student Signature

Date

After completing this application, please turn it in to TRIO Starting Point with any required documentation:

- Save and email it to triostartingpoint@minneapolis.edu OR
- Print and bring it to our offices in **T4300, Minneapolis College, 1501 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403.**

What's Next?

- Expect to hear from us within 2 weeks of submitting your complete application.
- If your application is accepted, you will be contacted to attend a TRIO Starting Point orientation session.
- Once you attend a TRIO Starting Point orientation session, you will meet with your new TRIO Starting Point advisor. After this meeting, you will have full access to all of our program services.