



Dear Parent/Guardian: Your school provides an amazing benefit to your child called the **TRiO Talent Search Program** through Alpena Community College. Your child's school has an advisor who works with TRiO students almost every week helping them with a multitude of life skills and abilities that are essential for making their college transition a much smoother process. The TRiO Talent Search Program starts recruiting students as early as 6th grade through 11th grade and works with students from 6th grade through 12th grade. Students can receive college scholarships for being in the TRiO program.

The TRiO Talent Search's primary target is low-income first-generation students. However, we are allowed to work with a smaller number of students that are not in this category, but they may be put on a short-term Waiting List. Please don't let this discourage you from applying. We do our best to bring students in off the Waiting List as soon as we can!

- ❖ **Our TRiO Talent Advisor would like to help you prepare your student for a successful College experience** by offering a wide variety of workshops aimed at helping improve your child's overall educational health such as:
 - Study Skills
 - Time Management
 - Budgeting Skills and Financial Aid Navigation Skills.

- ❖ **If your student is brought into the TTS program, meeting with their TTS advisor is vital!** TRiO Talent Search advisors can:
 - Help match your student's interests with potential career choices
 - Provide free SAT, ACT, and College Application fee waivers.
 - Recommend universities that offer the best courses for your student's interests

- ❖ **TRiO Talent Search also offers Campus Visits, free to all TTS participants (grades 9-12)!** Some of the Universities we visit include:
 - U of M (Ann Arbor & Flint)
 - Northern Michigan University
 - Saginaw Valley State University
 - Ferris State University
 - Grand Valley State University
 - Central Michigan University
 - Michigan State University
 - Lake Superior State University

If you would like your child to take advantage of this FREE program offered by your school, have them pick up a TRiO Talent Search application at the High School or Middle School office or speak with the TRiO Talent Search Advisor. Parent/Guardians must complete this application and mail it back to Alpena Community College to see if your child qualifies for the TRiO program- (All applications come with an envelope to mail back the application). Please note that we are a federally funded, grant-based program. As such we are responsible for verifying income, and promise to keep all information confidential. It is only used for income verification and for classification such as first generational college student or low income.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, call us at (989) 358-7348, or visit us online at: www.acctalentsearch.com