Special Programs for Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds

The primary purpose of TRiO programs is to prepare low-income/potential first generation college students for successful entry into, retention in, and completion of postsecondary education.

The term TRIO was coined in the late 1960s to describe three federally funded educational opportunity outreach programs. The three original TRIO programs included Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search and Student Support Services. Since the development of the three, five additional programs have been added:

- Educational Opportunity Centers
- Training Programs for Special Programs Staff and Leadership
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- Upward Bound Math/Science
- Veterans Upward Bound

For additional information about TRIO programs, visit this website:
http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html.