# Bringing Education & Success Together

# **BEST** Scholarship Fund



## What is BEST?

Compansol knows the importance of getting access to higher education for all TRIO students so they can advance and sustain themselves in a competitive economy. By shaping their careers these future leaders will help build a stronger society for all of us. TRIO staff can also use this scholarship to take advantage of opportunities for continuing their professional development.

"Bringing Education and Success Together (BEST)" scholarship fund is a program available for all TRIO students and TRIO staff. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement, leadership, contributions to school and community, character, and financial need.

We also know that unexpended circumstance can happen to anyone. Hence, this fund may also be used in case of emergency by TRIO students and TRIO staff in need of financial relief due to an illness or a major unplanned expense.



## Who is Eligible?

- 1. Applicants must to a Student or Staff of a TRIO Program (Grant)
- 2. Applicants must be US citizens

The BEST Scholarship Awards are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, national origin or sexual orientation. BEST will not award scholarships to applicants who are not qualified and reserves the right not to award a scholarship in a given year.

### How much funds are Available?

The program awards \$500 in fund money for up to 10 applicants each year. Awards are for one year only, but recipients may re-apply for a second year. All Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipients.

The board members of the fund committee can combine awards for particular applicants based on the financial need of the applicant.

#### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee is compromised of TRIO leaders that have being associated with the TRIO community for over 20 years.

# Where and when are applications available?

The application is available online and may be submitted via email or fax.

### When are the applications due?

The deadline to submit the application is October 31st each year.

### How and when will the award winners be notified?

The winners are notified via email on the application form by November end each year.

#### How and when will the awards be disbursed?

The awards will be disbursed by the end of December.



# **BEST Application Form**

# Applicant Information: Name Address State Zip Phone ( ) Mobile ( ) Email Address: ☐ TRIO STUDENT ☐ TRIO STAFF **Education Information:** Current School/College \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level Expected Graduation Date\_ Degree Expected\_\_\_\_\_ TRIO Grant Information: Referred by Name\_\_\_\_\_ TRIO Director Program: □TS □UB □EOC □VUB □UBMS □SSS □McNair □Other University/College\_\_\_\_\_ Address City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) Fax ( ) Email Address: Director Signature **Application Statement:** The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate, and I understand that false statements on this application will disqualify me from the scholarship. Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Name (please print) Date



statement of purpose:	
Submit with this application a one-page ( < 500 words) typed statement telling why you are applying for the scholarship.	
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