

# GASPP/Georgia TRiO

## Annual Scholarship Competition

The Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel (GASPP)/GA TRiO is pleased to announce the 2021 Scholarship Competition in the following categories:

### **Academic**

Each program is eligible to submit two (2) applications (six will be awarded).

### **Need Based**

Each program is eligible to submit one (1) application (two will be awarded).

### **Doreatha S. Tyson**

Each program is eligible to submit one (1) application (one will be awarded).

### **NOTE:**

- 1. This single application will be used for all Scholarships.**
- 2. A Student can only be nominated for ONE Scholarship category.**

**(This applies even if Student is in more than ONE TRiO Program)**

**Submission Deadline: April 9, 2021 by 11:59 pm EST**

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

The Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel (GASPP)/GA TRiO is pleased to announce the 2021 Academic Scholarship Competition. TRiO participants are invited to compete for six (6) scholarship

awards in the amount of \$700.00 each. Each program is eligible to submit two (2) applications.

**General Requirements for Academic Scholarship Awards, Each applicant MUST:**

1. Have participated in one of the federally funded TRiO program.
2. Complete in its entirety and Submit this official application by **April 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM. (EST)**. Applications received after April 9th will not be considered.
3. Be a high school senior with a 2.8 or higher cumulative grade point average (Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search), OR be a freshman, sophomore or junior in college with a 2.5 or higher grade point average. College seniors may apply only if they are planning to enroll in graduate school in the ensuing fall term.
4. Be Nominated by a staff member of the project in which the applicant participates. Please note: The staff member MUST be a current financial member of GASPP/GA TRiO.
5. Upload an unofficial transcript which lists all courses taken through the first semester of 2020 or the applicant must submit verification of having obtained a GED.
6. Upload two (2) letters of recommendation on official letterhead. One letter MUST be from the Nominating TRiO staff member. The other MUST come from a school official (teacher, counselor, principal/president, dean etc...).

In order to receive the scholarship, sponsors must verify students' enrollment in a post-secondary institution by **September 10, 2021**. Award checks will be mailed by **October 8, 2021** and made payable to the student. The submission deadline for all materials is April 9th. Only online applications will be accepted. An e-mail confirmation will be sent for all completed applications on or before the deadline.

## **Winners will be announced in May 2021.**

### **NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel (GASPP)/GA TRiO is pleased to announce the 2021 Need-Based Scholarship competition. TRiO participants are invited to compete for two (2) scholarship awards of \$700.00 each. These awards may be used to help defray post secondary education cost during the 2021-2022 school year. Sponsors of applicants MUST be current GASPP/GA TRiO financial members. Each program is eligible to submit ONE application per project.

Please Note:

Incomplete applications will not be considered and will not be returned. Institutions/agencies that submit more applications than stated above from the same program will be disqualified.

General Requirements for Need Based Scholarship Award Applicants, Each applicant MUST:

1. Have participated in one of the federally funded TRiO program.
2. Complete in its entirety and Submit this official application by **April 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM. (EST)** Applications received after April 9th will not be considered.
3. Submit proof of Financial Need (each applicant MUST submit verification of income or family income). Please provide scanned copy of supporting documentation Including: Most Recent Tax information and/or any signed statement from a College or University. This is typically a signed statement from the Financial Aid Office. ( Accepted Files: PDF, JPG, or JPEG).
4. Be Nominated by a staff member of the project in which the applicant participates. Please note: The staff member MUST be a current financial member of GASPP.
5. Upload an unofficial transcript which lists all courses taken through the first semester of 2021, or the applicant must submit verification of having obtained a GED.
6. Upload two (2) letters of recommendation on on official letterhead. One letter MUST be from the Nominating TRiO staff member. The other MUST come from a school official (teacher, counselor, principal/president, dean etc...).

Applications will be judged and rated in the following areas:

Application Face Sheet

Essay (content, grammar, format, etc

Two (2) Recommendation letters

Financial Need (Each applicant MUST submit verification of income or family income)

## Winners will be announced in May 2021

In order to receive the scholarship, nominators must verify students' enrollment in a post-secondary institution by **September 10, 2021**. Award checks will be mailed by **October 8, 2021**, and made payable to the student. The submission deadline for all materials is **April 9, 2021**. Only online applications will be accepted. An e-mail confirmation will be sent for all completed applications on or before the deadline.

## DOREATHA S. TYSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel (GASPP)/GA TRiO is pleased to announce the Doreatha S. Tyson Scholarship competition. A total of one (1) scholarship award of \$1000.00 each will be awarded. These awards may be used to help defray postsecondary education cost during the upcoming Academic year. Sponsors of applicants MUST be current GASPP financial members. Each program is eligible to submit **ONE** application per project.

Mrs. Doreatha Tyson was born on July 25, 1944 in Savannah, GA. She was blessed with loving and caring parents who instilled having faith in God; and encouraged strength and determination. This basis of living

and faith enabled Mrs. Doreatha to gravitate toward education as a profession. She gave over 40 years of her life helping children with promise, who needed a kind word, a smiling face and direction. Because she was not blessed with children, Mrs. Doreatha found great happiness and pleasure assisting many, many students during her tenure at Savannah State College.

At Savannah State College, she began her career with the Trio Talent Search Programs. She eventually became the Executive Director of the Educational Talent Search Program, and was elected President of the Southeastern Association of Education Opportunity Programs Personnel (SAEOPP). She developed a style of living, focused on giving, helping and sharing. Her personal accomplishments and achievements are numerous based on her love for children.

Mrs. Tyson was a devout Christian and a true believer in the power and presence of Jesus Christ. She accepted Christ as her personal savior early in life and was a faithful, active and dedicated member of the St. John Baptist Church until her death. She was extremely active, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Secretary of Victory Theological Seminary Incorporated and Chairperson, Needs Assessment Committee, member of the Fortress Senior Saints and former Chairperson of the Education Committee. She facilitated the development of mission statements for all church ministries. It was her vision to create the Institute of Excellence, having worked with the committee during its implementation. As a result, she received St. John's Bridge Builder Award February 2014.

### **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

Each applicant MUST:

1. Have participated in one of the federally funded TRIO program.
2. Submit all required materials by **April 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM (EST)**. Materials received after April 9th will not be considered.
3. Be a high school senior with a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average (Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search), OR be a freshman, sophomore or junior in college with a 3.0 or higher grade point average. College seniors may apply only if they are planning to enroll in graduate school in the ensuing fall term.

Must have exemplified community service, civic, and/or church involvement in high school and/or college

### **PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Upload an unofficial transcript which lists all courses taken through the first semester of 2021, or the applicant must submit verification of having obtained a GED.
2. Copy of college acceptance letter
3. A list of community, civic, and church involvement
4. Three (3) written letters of recommendation:

1 Personal Source (church member, community service sponsor, etc.)

1 Nominating TRIO staff member (on official letterhead) PLEASE NOTE: The staff member MUST be a current financial member of Georgia TRIO.

1 High School or College Official- on official letterhead (teacher, principal, dean, etc.)

**Winner will be announced in May 2021.**

**This single application will be used for all Scholarships.**

**Applications will be judged and rated in the following categories:**

**ACADEMIC**

1. Essay (content, grammar, format,etc)- **30 points**
2. Academic Performance/Scholarship (unofficial transcript) - **40 points**
3. Honors & Awards received, Leadership, School Activities, community/volunteer service and involvement in TRIO Activities - **15points**
4. Two Recommendation Letters- **15 points**

**NEED BASED**

1. Essay (content, grammar, format,etc.) - **50 points**
2. Financial Need (each applicant MUST submit verification of income or family income)- **30 points**
3. Two Recommendation Letters - **20 points**

**DOREATHA S. TYSON**

1. Essay (content, grammar, format,etc)- **30 points**
2. Academic Performance/Scholarship (unofficial transcript) - **30 points**
3. Copy of College Acceptance Letter- **5 points**
4. Honors & Awards received, Leadership, School Activities, community/volunteer service and involvement in TRIO Activities - **20points**
- 5 Two Recommendation Letters- **15 points**

**NOTE: Sponsors MUST submit the application. Paper application will not be accepted.**

**Each application will be reviews and rated by the Scholarship Committee. Essays are independently reviewed and ranked by three (3) outside (non-TRiO) readers.**

In order for winners to receive their awards, Nominators MUST provide official verification of the most current Fall semester enrollment and proof of two weeks attendance in a postsecondary institution by **September 10, 2021**.

Award checks, made payable to the student will be initiated upon receipt of requested documentation and forwarded to the designated mailing address.

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## • Part I: Information about the Applicant

### Applicant Name \*

First Name      Last Name

### Date of Birth \*



Month    Day    Year

### Applicant Email \*

example@example.com

### Applicant Home Phone Number

Area Code      Phone Number

### Applicant Cell Phone Number

Area Code      Phone Number

### Applicant Address \*

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

**Applicant School Address (if different)**

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Country

**The answer to this question will determine which essay response must be submitted with this application.**

**Type of Scholarship**

**TRIO Program(s) Applicant is Currently in \***

EOC

ETS

McNair

SSS

UB

UBMS

VUB

Please check all that apply.

**Previous TRIO Program(s) Applicant Participated in \***

Please check all that apply.

**High School Attended (1) \***

**High School GPA (unweighted) Required for Pre-College Applicants \***

**High School Location \***

City  State

**Dates Attended \***

MM/DD/YYYY - MM/DD/YYYY

**College/University Applicant will attend in Fall 2021 \***

**College Location \***

City  State

### **Applicant's Current Academic Standing \***

High School Senior

College Freshman

College Sophomore

College Junior

College Senior

### **Applicant's Expected College Graduation Date**

MM/YYYY

### **College GPA Required for College Applicants \***

### **Degree**

Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, etc.

### **College Location**

City State

## **• Part II: Nominator's Information**

### **Nominator's Name \***

First Name Last Name

### **Nominator's Email \***

example@example.com

### **Nominator's TRiO Program \***

EOC  
McNair

ETS  
SSS

## • Part III: Honors & Awards Received | Leadership, Volunteer Service, and Extracurricular Activities

**Please list all Honors/Awards the Applicant has received:**

*You cannot exceed the space provided on this online form.*

**Nominator's Title \***

**Honors/Awards (This question is used to determine: Honors & awards received, Leadership. School activities, community/volunteer service and involvement in TRIO activities.):**

**Nominator's Agency/Institution \***

**Nominator's Work Address**

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Country

**Please list all Leadership, Volunteer Service, Extracurricular Activities, and TRIO activities.**

This includes leadership roles the applicant held; service projects, volunteer committees or programs; TRIO activities; or other activities the applicant participated in.

*You cannot exceed the space provided on this online form.*

**Leadership, Volunteer Service, Extracurricular Activities, and TRIO Activities (This question is used to determine: Honors & awards received, Leadership. School activities, community/volunteer service and involvement in TRIO activities.):**

## Part III: Document Upload

Each successful scholarship application will have the following items uploaded in addition to the online scholarship application. Do not attempt to submit an application until all items have been gathered and are ready to be uploaded in an electronic format (PDF, JPG, JPEG, or PNG; 200 dpi or greater; maximum file size is 10 MB per file).

Required items are:

1. Letter of Recommendation from Nominator (you)
2. Letter of Recommendation from a School Official (Instructor, Counselor, Principal, Dean, etc.)
3. Appropriate Essay Formatted as described below
4. Transcript(s)
5. Test Scores
6. Proof of Awards/Leadership/etc
7. Verification of Financial Need (Need Based Scholarship)

## Recommendation Letters

### Essay Topic for Academic Scholarship

Please describe in your own words (answer both parts):

- **Why do you want to pursue a college education?**
- **How has your involvement in TRIO assisted in preparation for college and life success?**

### Essay Topic for Need Based Scholarship

Please describe in your own words (answer both parts):

- What character traits do you possess that have helped you to overcome personal adversity?
- How will **NOT** receiving this scholarship affect you?

## Essay Topic for Doreatha S. Tyson Scholarship

Please describe in your own words (answer both parts):

- Describe how you have demonstrated leadership in school and in your community.
- What is your level of commitment in helping others in the future?
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## Style Guidelines for ALL essays:

- In the right header, type the Applicant's first initial and last name.
- In the left header, type the name of the award (the name of award for this applicant is **(Academic/Need Based/Doretha S. Tyson)**.
- Essay should be between 400-500 words. All essays should have a title. Titles and information in the header do not contribute to the word count for the essay.
- Essay should be in Times New Roman font only, with a 12 pt size, and double (2.0) spacing with 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, right).

## Scholarship Essay

## Transcript

You can upload more than one transcript. Depending on the nominee's classification, you will upload different documents to this field. You indicated the applicant's classification was current Academic Year. Ensure you upload the correct documents:

**High School Senior -please upload a High School transcript**

**College Student- please upload undergraduate transcript(s)**

## Test Scores

If you are nominating a student for the Academic or Doreatha S. Tyson Scholarship, you will need to upload ACT/SAT scores.

## Awards

Please provide a scanned copy of picture of any awards/leadership/etc. indicated in Part III of this application. (Accepted Files: PDF, JPG, or JPEG).

### **SUPPORTING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION: NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIP ONLY**

Please provide scanned copy of supporting documentation Including: Most Recent Tax information and/or any signed statement from a College or University. This is typically a signed statement from the Financial Aid Office. ( Accepted Files: PDF, JPG, or JPEG).

## Part IV: Certification of Approval from Nominator

I {nominatorsName}am submitting a scholarship application for {applicantName} currently enrolled in my TRiO Program.

By checking the box below, this will serve as my online signature. I certify that {applicantName}I have nominated for this Scholarship is a participant in the {trioPrograms15}. I am currently employed in a {nominatorsTrio} Program in the State of Georgia, and the Applicant I am Nominating is eligible to compete for this award.

I certify that all information presented here is correct to the best of my knowledge, and the essay was written by {applicantName}, and is original, is not under obligation to, or currently being reviewed for consideration by, any other entity or individual. Further, the student {applicantName}provides authorization to GASPP/GA TRiO to reprint this essay in GASPP/GA TRiO publications and to use in public relations activities.

**{NominatorName}'s electronic signature \***

I provide my digital signature

I do NOT provide my digital signature

Before submitting this scholarship application, ensure that everything is submitted correctly and accurately.

\*\*Once an application has been submitted it cannot be amended. You must submit another application to submit in its place, if you would like to ammend an application. **PLEASE NOTE - if multiple scholarships are submitted, only the most recent application will be accepted.\*\***

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the GA TRiO Scholarship Committee Chair:

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