

**NDSA-06-2526**

A Resolution in Opposition to TRIO Freezes and Cuts

¹**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

²**WHEREAS**, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

³**WHEREAS**, since the creation of TRIO in the 1960s, TRIO has provided financial assistance and support to students who are the most vulnerable, including first-generation college students, students with disabilities, and students from low-income families; and,

⁴**WHEREAS**, over 3,000 educational centers of post-secondary education within the United States benefit from TRIO programs ^[1]; and,

⁵**WHEREAS**, over 6 million college graduates have been enabled to contribute to the community on a higher level thanks to the TRIO programs, such as current congressmen and astronauts ^[2]; and,

⁶**WHEREAS**, thousands of North Dakota students benefit from a variety of TRIO programs, including Support Services, McNair, and Upward Bound across the state, including 350 NDSU students, 2,500 UND students, 310 Minot State students, and 160 Lake Region State College students; and,

⁷**WHEREAS**, recently, a federal delay of \$660M to TRIO programs has been issued, which can significantly affect accessibility for post-secondary education for these students ^[3]; and,

⁸**WHEREAS**, there has been a conversation to cut TRIO programs across the country, negatively impacting the students who benefit from these programs; and,

⁹**WHEREAS**, a potential decrease in retention rates across campuses nationally can occur due to a decrease in accessibility and affordability of attaining a college degree; and,

¹⁰**WHEREAS**, these effects would run counter to the NDSA's push for increased accessibility for college students, not just for North Dakota, but also nationally; so,

¹**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the North Dakota Student Association opposes any freezes or any proposed allocation and program cuts to any and all TRIO programs.

[1]-[TRIO Footprint 2023-24](#)

[2] <https://www.npr.org/2025/08/22/nx-s1-5501580/trump-proposes-cuts-programs-poor-students-colleges>

[3]-https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/student-aid-policy/2025/09/12/trump-administration-withholds-millions-trio-programs?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=b8d0f768c2-DNU_2021_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-b8d0f768c2-236873910&mc_cid=b8d0f768c2&mc_eid=33d779d70c



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[1]-[TRIO Footprint 2023-24](#)

[2] <https://www.npr.org/2025/08/22/nx-s1-5501580/trump-proposes-cuts-programs-poor-students-colleges>

[3]-https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/student-aid-policy/2025/09/12/trump-administration-withholds-millions-trio-programs?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=b8d0f768c2-DNU_2021_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-b8d0f768c2-236873910&mc_cid=b8d0f768c2&mc_eid=33d779d70c