

Criteria for the KY TRIO Professional Scholarship

[Award: \$250.00]

This award is to be used for educational expenses or to attend professional development.

APPLICANTS MUST BE

- ✓ **A current KY TRIO Professional with a paid state membership**

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT

- ✓ **A Resume or CV (Curriculum Vitae)** that highlights TRIO Employment, Honors & Awards, Leadership, Community, Volunteer Service, TRIO Involvement
- ✓ **A Letter of Recommendation** from sponsoring TRIO Staff
- ✓ **Personal essay (400-500 Words)** Essay Prompts (answer all 3 parts):

1. How will this scholarship help further either your professional development or academic aspirations?
2. Why is it important to further your professional development or academic aspirations?
3. How will NOT receiving these funds affect you?

Style Guidelines for Essay:

- In the right header, type the applicant's first initial and last name
- In the left header, type the name of the award (KY TRIO Professional Scholarship)
- 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 of the essay.
- Essay should be in Arial or Calibri fonts only, with a 12-point size, and double (2.0) spacing with 1-inch margins (top, bottom, left, right)

Deadline to submit: 4:00 PM CST/ 5:00 PM EST on Friday, March 28th, 2025.

<https://www.kytrio.org/navigation/scholarships>

Applications that are incomplete or missing required information WILL NOT be considered and will be disqualified.

2025-2026 KY TRIO PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RUBRIC

Name: _____ Score: _____

Rating Scale	Items	Point Values	Possible Points	Points Earned
Essay (400-500 Words)	Content Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling Format, Etc.	50 10 10	70	_____
Resume/Vita	TRIO Employment Leadership, Mentoring, etc.	5 5	10	_____
Honors & Awards, Leadership, Community, Volunteer Service, TRIO Involvement	2 points for each <i>*five items will give the maximum 10 points</i>	10	10	_____
Letter of Recommendation	Sponsoring TRIO Staff	0-10	10	_____
Total Score			100	_____

Maximum points per applicant: **100** Minimum points per applicant: **80**

Reviewer's Signature: _____ Date: _____