



2018 Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) POLICY SEMINAR

- What:** Two Maine TRIO Program Alumni Representatives nominated to attend the 2018 COE Policy Seminar to advocate for TRIO Programs
- Dates:** Sunday, March 11 – Wednesday, March 15, 2018
- Location:** Hyatt Regency, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
- Who:** Alumni who have graduated from Maine TRIO Programs who would be effective advocates with Maine’s Congressional Representatives and Senators for TRIO Programs

Dear TRIO Alum,

COE Policy Seminar is your opportunity to share with Maine’s Congressional Representatives and Senators about the impact of your participation in a TRIO program, such as educational and professional goal attainment, and the importance of continued and increased funding for these programs.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Give back to TRIO programs by sharing your story of success;
- Network with TRIO alumni and staff from around the country;
- Learn how federal funding impacts programs in Maine and the nation;
- See the connection between Congress and the TRIO student success;
- Meet Maine’s delegation to Congress and establish relationships with Congressional Staff;
- Gain skills and experience in effectively advocating for first-generation, economically disadvantaged students, and the programs that make their success possible;
- Have fun exploring Washington, D.C.!

The Maine Educational Opportunity Association (MEEOA) will cover the cost of your transportation, housing, and meals during the seminar. You will be responsible for personal expenses. You will stay at the **Hyatt Regency Washington, Capitol Hill**, 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202)737-1234. **All nominators and nominees will be notified no later than January 19th, 2018**, after the MEEOA Executive Committee selects two alumni to attend the 2018 Policy Seminar. *Questions?* Contact Dori Fellman at dori@syntiro.org.

Sincerely,
Dori Fellman
MEEOA President 2017-18



MAINE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION

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TRIO Alumni Nomination Process**

Please include the **Nominee Information Form** (found on page 3 of this document) and a **Letter of Nomination** that includes the following:

1. A description of the nominee's background, including how participation in a TRIO educational opportunity program had a meaningful impact on their realization of education and professional goals (as acknowledged by the nominee);
2. Your assessment of the nominee's ability to speak articulately and communicate his/her story to Maine's Congressional delegations and staff;
3. A description of the nominee's accomplishments/stature within his or her profession;
4. The nominee's academic achievements; and
5. A description of the nominee's noteworthy civic, community, or professional activities and contributions. Alternately, you may choose to attach a resume or statement describing educational background, professional employment, academic and/or professional honors, and civic/community contributions.

MEEOA strongly encourages you to include the following:

A **Letter from the Nominee** outlining the impact participation in a TRIO program has on their educational and professional goals and attainment.

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN FULL BY

DECEMBER 22, 2018

Please forward nominations to:

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and

Dori Fellman
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Alumni Nomination Form

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

Email (personal): _____

Current Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ **Work Fax #:** _____

Work Email: _____

TRIO Program Graduation Information

Project: _____ **Institution:** _____

Dates of Participation: _____ **Date of Graduation:** _____

Current Project Direction: _____

Project Direction during participation: _____

Nominator Information

Nominator's name: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____