

Fair Share FAQs

What is Fair Share?

Fair Share is the amount of money the Council asks each state chapter to raise in a given year. Fair Share is made up of three components: institutional memberships, subscription packages, and personal contributions to COE.

How is Fair Share Calculated?

The total Fair Share line item is calculated by the Council based on trends from earlier years and the current budget approved by the board of directors. The Fair Share budget is divided by the number of projects in the nation. This total is then multiplied by the number of TRiO programs in the state. It is this amount that each respective state is asked to contribute to Fair Share.

Whether a given state or region “reaches” fair share is calculated on cash, not an accrual basis - and all cash provided through institutional memberships, subscription packages and personal donations received between July 1 and June 30 of any given year is counted towards the “Fair Share target.”

What are Fair Share funds used for?

Your fair share goes to protecting your TRiO Programs (up-to-date information on appropriations, reauthorization, and other issues affecting TRiO students; round-the-clock advocacy on Capitol Hill and with the Department of Education; bringing students to speak to legislators and other concerned citizens, and proposal writing workshops).

COE Institutional Membership

Institutional Membership Dues (depends on number of TRIO Programs)

Institutional Membership effective July 1, 2010	
TRiO Projects	Membership Fee
0-1	\$3,069
2	\$3,269
3	\$3,469
4	\$3,669
5	\$3,869
6	\$4,069
	Plus \$200 for each additional program

Allowable Costs

OMB Cost Circular A-21, J-33 and A-122, B-30 (Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations) specifically notes: (c) “Costs of an institution’s membership in business, technical and professional organizations are allowable.” Such membership must, of course, provide benefits to the program funded under the federal grant (be reasonable and allocable). Since the Council is a technical or professional organization, costs of an institution’s membership in the Council may be paid with federal funds.

Contact the Council:

Angelica Vialpando angelica.vialpando@coenet.us

Alvin Phillips alvin.phillips@coenet.us

Council for Opportunity in Education

1025 Vermont Avenue, Suite 900

Washington, DC 20005

202-347-7430

www.coenet.us

What are the benefits of being an Institutional Member?

✓ Free Proposal Writing Workshops

The Council hosts Proposal Workshops yearly to assist Institutional Members with their TRiO grants. This two-day seminar includes an overview of the proposal development, editing, and review process; an examination of proposal resources available on the Internet; and an analysis of common mistakes made by unsuccessful applicants as well as characteristics of high-ranking proposals and an opportunity to have a draft proposal critiqued.

✓ **Free Prior Experience Points Audits**

During the most recent McNair and Upward Bound competitions, numerous programs experienced the unanticipated loss of Prior Experience points. To prevent this from happening in the future, COE is introducing a new free PE auditing service for all Institutional Members.

✓ **Special Technical Assistance**

The Council provides special technical assistance to all Institutional Members seeking to continue and expand programs that specifically serve first-generation, low-income and disabled students. Such assistance may include campus visits and phone consultations with experts.

✓ **Access to Valuable Resources**

Institutional Members of the Council have immediate access to a powerful information network—one that keeps members on top of political, legislative and regulatory events that affect funding levels for all TRiO programs. In most cases, members who actively network at the legislative level are more competitive at the funding level. Many Council members use the network to improve their programs and services, to access vital research, to keep up with changing technology, and to identify new potential opportunities for their students.

✓ **Deep Discounts are available on all Council Seminars, Workshops, Teleconferences and Council Products.**

✓ **COE Subscription Packages described below are a part of the benefits available to COE Members.**

COE Subscription Packages

\$400 - Non-Members 1 year subscription

The subscription package includes:

FAQs - Answers to frequently asked questions about TRiO authored by COE experts and sent by e-mail.

"e-news you can use" - An online monthly publication featuring information of interest from national experts. Topics include changes in policy, demographic trends, best practices, application deadlines, and new opportunities and partnerships.

Equality Newsletter - a quarterly newsletter mailed to you with information on topics such as: the latest from Capitol Hill and the Department of Education, international news, regional association updates, grant information, important events, and alumni updates.

COE NETWORKS - a new annual magazine, published every fall. Articles aim to highlight the latest TRiO innovations and focus on the programs competing in the upcoming grant cycle.

Opportunity Matters - published annually, highlighting research of use to TRiO professionals.

TRIO/GEAR UP Directory - a national directory listing institutions and agencies that sponsor federally-funded TRiO and GEAR UP programs in America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands.

TRIO Compensation Survey - assesses the levels at which institutions and organizations compensate college outreach professionals. The survey collects and compares compensation data by program, position, institutional division, institutional type, geographical location, demographic characteristics, educational level, length of employment, and employment status.