The UTAH ASPIRE TRiO SCHOLARSHIP is offered to outstanding entering or continuing undergraduate or graduate students selected from Utah TRiO participants. Scholarships valuing $500 each will be awarded.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Active participant** in a Utah TRiO Project (Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services or Ronald E McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement)

- Currently a **TRiO participant planning to enroll in a postsecondary institution** in Summer or Fall 2016;

The SCHOLARSHIP is awarded on the basis of participation in and commitment to TRiO programs; academic achievement; personal, academic, and career goals; extra-curricular, service, and/or leadership activities; financial need, and other information provided.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete the application form.
- Complete a personal statement, responding to all of the applicable questions.
- Attach your **most recent** high school or college transcript.
- Make four copies of your completed application.
- Submit a completed application (application, personal statement, and transcripts) to your TRiO Project Director or advisor early enough for them to review them and mail them.
- Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, February 26, 2016**.
- Mail applications to **John South**, WSU/SSS, 3885 W. Campus Dr., Dept. 1107, Ogden, UT 84408-1107

Hints to applicants:

- Typed applications are easier to read; hand written applications will be accepted, if legible.
- Answer all questions in the personal statement. **Number your responses** so the scholarship reviewers can match your responses to the questions.
- **DO NOT** exceed two pages for your personal statement (double-space with 12pt. font)
- Review your application. Make sure you have followed all instructions.
- Be honest, your **Project Director or advisor must sign off on your application**.
- Submit the application to your Project Director or advisor several days in advance of the deadline.
Name: ____________________________________  Social Security #: ______ - ______ - ______

Address: ____________________________________________ Street Address

City State Zip

Phone #: (____)________ - _____________  Date of Birth: _______________

Project:

☐ Upward Bound  ☐ Educational Talent Search

☐ Veterans Upward Bound  ☐ Student Support Services

☐ McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement

College/University that hosts your project: ___________________________________________

College/University you plan to attend in 2016-2017: __________________________________

PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

High School Name & City/Town: ____________________________

Expected High School Graduation Date: ____________  High School Cumulative GPA: ______

Intended major field of study: ____________________________

COLLEGE STUDENTS or RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

Expected degree(s): ________________________________  Major: ____________________________

Expected Graduation date: ____________________________  College Cumulative GPA: ______

To be completed by Project Director or Advisor

Student Eligibility for TRiO Programs:

☐ Low Income Student  ☐ First Generation Student

☐ Student with a disability (SSS only)

I certify that I have reviewed this application and that statements made in this application are true and valid to the best of my knowledge. I further verify that this student is an active participant in a TRiO Program and is qualified to apply for this scholarship.

Printed Name: ____________________________  Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
Attach a personal statement of no more than two typewritten, single spaced pages. In the personal statement respond to each of the following questions. You may wish to discuss what information you should include with your Project Director or Advisor.

1. Describe your **participation in the TRiO programs** (Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, or McNair). [Suggestions: How long you have participated, services you have used, activities and leadership roles, benefits of participation].

2. Describe your **academic achievements** in school. (Suggestions: Classes you have taken, academic awards, cumulative GPA).

3. Discuss why you believe that a higher education is important; include your **personal, academic, and career goals**.

4. Describe **extra-curricular activities**, service projects, and/or leadership opportunities you have had in your school, community, and/or work.

5. Describe your **financial need**. Include any circumstances that would explain your financial situation.

6. **Pre-college students only**: What scholarships have you been awarded to date and/or what scholarships or financial aid, including veterans’ benefits, do you anticipate receiving?

7. **College students only**: What financial aid and scholarships are you currently receiving? If you anticipate a different situation next academic year, explain.

8. **Other information** you wish to provide to the scholarship committee. This could include personal, academic, or financial challenges you have overcome (or will need to overcome) to meet your academic goals, or other information relevant to this application.

9. **Signature**: Sign your personal statement which verifies that the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.