

Consider Acceptance of the TRIO Upward Bound Grant for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

The Department of Education has notified the College that TRIO Upward Bound has been funded for the 2025-2026 Academic Year, September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026, in the amount of \$309,505.00. The performance period is September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2027. The total amount for the performance period is \$1,266,116.00.

The grant is funded to serve 60 potential first-generation, low-income students that attend Ball High School annually. The program must serve at least 2/3 of students that are both first generation and low income or are at high academic risk of failure or have a disability. This college preparation program must include academic instruction in mathematics through pre-calculus, laboratory science, foreign language, composition, and literature, along with other courses intended to prepare students for a rigorous high school program. Academic advising in pre-college course selection, college course selection, activities designed to acquaint participants with the range of career options, exposure to leadership and academic programs, college exam preparation, financial aid assistance, financial literacy, mental health counseling and workshops are offered. Internships, service-learning projects, early admission/dual credit, and college bridge program are offered. A six-week academic component each summer is required for participants during the duration of their high school years in addition to the services provided during the academic year. The goal is to provide services to help students overcome barriers to successfully completing a high school diploma and earn an Associates and or bachelor's degree within 6 years after high school graduation.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents accept this grant award.