

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
TRIO- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

**Building Your Foundation to Success
Through Education**



WHAT IS THE TRIO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

- **Funded by the US Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act.**
- **1972 – Initial funding of EOC**
- **2002 – Funding of EOC program at Montgomery College**



WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

The purpose of EOC is to increase the number of low-income and/or first generation adults enrolling in postsecondary institutions.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Montgomery County Residents

Who are interested in Postsecondary education

- **Adults (19 and older)**
- **Youth (high school seniors and dropouts)**
- **US Citizens/Permanent residents**
- **Non—citizens eligible for Federal Student Aid**
- **Granted refugee or asylum status with documents.**



HOW DO WE HELP?

We provide one-on-one and group assistance in the following areas in English and Spanish:

- Admissions Counseling**
- Financial Aid Counseling and FAFSA Application assistance**
- Scholarship search assistance**
- Free GED Practice test and GED Counseling**



Services are offered virtually or in person

MORE WAYS WE HELP

EOC also provides one-on-one and group assistance in the following areas in English and Spanish:

- **Academic Advising**
- **Career Counseling**
- **Financial Literacy and advising**

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ADMISSIONS COUNSELING

- Postsecondary options
- Postsecondary degree information
- College and university choices
- Admissions criteria
- Admissions process
- Application fee waivers (must be low-income)



FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING

- Understanding financial aid, it's purpose and process
- Assisting with financial aid applications- federal, state and institutional
- Identifying sources of aid
- Scholarship search and application completion assistance
- Counseling on how to resolve financial aid issues



SECONDARY EDUCATION

- **Official Practice GED Test**
- **GED Preparation referrals**
- **GED test fee waivers**
- **MCPL Career Online High School**



ACADEMIC ADVISING

- **Provide general guidance about degree requirements and course selection.**
- **Inform and educate on postsecondary terminology**
- **Choosing a major**



CAREER ADVISING

- **Offer career inventory assessments**
- **Resume review assistance**
- **Interview preparation assistance**
- **Choosing a training/education program**



FINANCIAL LITERACY

Provide information-

- Postsecondary loan defaults counseling
- Loan forgiveness/cancelling counseling
- Consumer credit concerns
- Referral to free income tax assistance
- Referral to free budgeting and money management programs



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