

**SOUTHERN COLORADO  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TRiO SCHOLARSHIP  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Southern Colorado Educational Opportunity **TRiO** Fund Scholarship is available for fall 2011-12 Semester. These funds may only be used toward the cost of tuition, books and fees.

**Eligibility requirements include the following**

- Students must be a participant of the Southern Colorado SCEOC **TRiO** program.
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student at Otero Junior College.
- Demonstrate financial need based on FAFSA application.
- First Generation College Student\*

**Three scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded**

- One to a non-traditional student (at least 19 years of age or older)
- One to a 2011 BUENO-HEP GED Graduate
- One to a 2011 Arkansas Valley High School Graduate

Awardees will be awarded \$500 for fall semester and must maintain a minimum requirement of 2.0 GPA to be awarded the \$500 spring allocation. Applications will be reviewed by the Otero Junior College Scholarship Committee and the SCEOC **TRiO** representative. Awards will be based on need, merit, and completion of application materials.

Please pick up the scholarship application and complete the **SCEOC** Eligibility and Enrollment form at the **SCEOC** office at McBride Room 150 and return to the **SCEOC** Office with the following attachments by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2011.

- Copy of Scholarship Application
- Copy of a signed SCEOC Eligibility and Enrollment form
- Copy of High School, GED or College Transcript
- Copy of 2011 Otero Jr. College Fall Schedule
- Copy of 2011-2012 FAFSA
- An essay that includes first generation status, educational goals and how this will benefit your educational plan.
- One letter of recommendation (personal or professional)

**\*First Generation College Student:** The TRiO Reference Manual defines "first generation college student as "an individual neither of whose natural or adoptive parents have received a baccalaureate degree; or a student who, prior to the age of 18 resided with and received support from only one natural or adoptive parent and whose supporting parent did not receive a baccalaureate degree."