

FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Expanding Horizons Student Application 2009-2010

What is Expanding Horizons?

The Expanding Horizons Program serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education here at Fitchburg State College. EHP assists students' transition into college, assists students in understanding and meeting basic college requirements, provides mentoring, tutorial services, academic, financial, and personal counseling, and provides guidance on career options, as well as job-seeking skills.

Whom do we serve?

The Student Support Services Expanding Horizons Program is a TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is targeted to assist low-income students, students whose parents did not receive a bachelor's degree, and students with disabilities. Students must also demonstrate an academic need for the program such as having a low high school or college GPA or SAT scores, or placing into developmental courses. Non-traditional students and those with a higher minimum GPA requirement for their major may also qualify.

How do I apply?

Students are required to be accepted for enrollment and deposited to Fitchburg State College prior to being considered for enrollment in EHP.

The Department of Education requires documentation of eligibility for participation in this program. Therefore, students must complete the enclosed application in order to be considered for membership in EHP.

Federal requirements also mandate that approximately two-thirds of all students enrolled in the Expanding Horizons Program meet federal low-income guidelines. Because of this requirement, students might not be accepted to the program on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please complete the application to the best of your ability; missing or incomplete information will delay your application process. Contact our office if you have any questions.

Expanding Horizons Program
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<http://www.fsc.edu/ehp>

Hammond Campus Center • Third Floor



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Email Address: (PRINT CLEARLY) _____

Home Street Address/Apt. Number: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Gender: Male Female

Are you a veteran: Yes No

Have you attended college before: Yes No

Do you plan to live on campus: Yes No

Have you ever belonged to a TRIO program? (Upward Bound, Student Support Services): Yes No

Country of Citizenship: _____

If other than USA, indicate Visa type: _____ Resident Alien Number: _____

Are you bilingual or multilingual? Yes No Language(s) (other than English): _____

Race/Ethnicity (Check one): (1) American Indian or Alaska Native

(5) White/non-Hispanic

(2) Asian

(6) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

(3) Black or African American

(7) More than one race

(4) Hispanic or Latino

Have either of your parents completed a four-year (bachelor's) degree?: Yes No

Do you have a documented disability? Yes No

Are you registered with the Fitchburg State College Office of Disability Services? Yes No

Please describe your disability and how it affects your learning (optional): _____

Financial Information

Financial information should be obtained from the **parent's** 2008 tax information unless **any** of the following criteria apply:

- Student is over 24 years of age
- Student is married
- Student has legal dependents other than a spouse whom the student supports at least 50% of the time.

Federal TRIO Programs Annual Low Income Levels (Effective February 2009 Until Further Notice)

- Use tax form filed for tax year 2008
- Find the "taxable income" reported
 - Form 1040, refer to Line 43
 - Form 1040A, refer to line 27
 - Form 1040EZ, refer to Line 6
- In the table to the right, if the amount of "**taxable income**" reported is **equal to or less than the dollar amount for your size family**, then check **Yes**. Otherwise, check **No**.

Federal TRIO Programs Annual Low Income Levels	
Size of Family	Taxable Income
1	\$16,245
2	\$21,855
3	\$27,465
4	\$33,075
5	\$38,685
6	\$44,295
7	\$49,905
8	\$55,515

Based on the criteria and the table above, do you meet the TRIO Low Income Criteria? Yes No

Certification

We certify that any information which we have provided is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We understand that Expanding Horizons staff will use the data provided on this application form to assist in assessing any academic and/or career planning needs and that all of the information will be used in the strictest confidence.

By signing this form, we authorize Expanding Horizons to obtain any and all financial and academic information and/or disability documentation necessary for processing and on-going evaluation of my academic pursuits. We also understand that the Expanding Horizons staff will assist me in achieving my academic goals only if I fulfill my obligations and that failure to meet my responsibilities as required can result in suspension or termination from the program.

Student must sign this application. If parent's information was required to complete this application, then parent's signature is also required. Applications missing necessary signatures may be returned unprocessed.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

All information provided in this application is held under strict confidentiality by EHP staff.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Student Cohort Year: _____ First Enrollment Date at FSC: _____

Eligibility: _____ College Grade Level (entry to EHP): _____

- 1=Low-Income and First-Generation
- 2=Low-Income Only
- 3=First-Generation Only
- 4=Disabled
- 5=Disabled and Low-Income

- 1=1st year, never attended
- 2=1st year, attended before
- 3=2nd year, sophomore
- 4=3rd year, junior
- 5=4th year, senior
- 6=5th year/other undergrad

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/triostudsupp/index.html>

Federal Trio Programs

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html>