

Alabama Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
2021 Scholarship Competition

Dear TRIO Project Directors in Alabama:

The Alabama Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (AAEOPP) 2021 annual scholarship competition is now open. Participants are invited to compete for **two College Scholarships** of \$1,000.00, **two PreCollege Scholarships** of \$1,000.00, and **two AAEOPP Survivor Scholarships** (one College and one PreCollege) of \$1,000.00 each. These awards may be used to help defray postsecondary educational costs during the 2021—2022 academic year. (If you have two or more grant programs, please make a notation of each budget/grant number). **Only one application (per category) may be submitted per TRIO grant program.**

The deadline to submit the application with all supporting documents is **March 31, 2021 by 5:00 pm**. There have been some changes to the application process this year. The applications are fillable PDF forms. In addition, **all other requirements must be submitted in electronic pdf format**. The student should submit a resume that will include numbers 1, 2, and 3 below. The completed application, resume, essay, two letters of recommendation, and transcript must be received by 5 pm. Incomplete application packets will not be judged.

Applicants will be judged and rated in the following areas:

1. Academic performance/scholarship - transcript must be attached for verification purposes (10 points)
2. Honors and awards received (20 points)
3. Leadership/school activities and/or detailed description of community volunteer service/TRIO activities (20 points)
4. Essay (content, grammar, organization) (40 points)
5. Two recommendation letters—**one from a TRIO staff sponsor who is an AAEOPP member** (knowledgeable about the financial need of applicant) (10 points)

Each application will be reviewed and rated by the AAEOPP Scholarship Committee. No applicant's materials will be reviewed by a person from the same program or institution.

Please distribute the correct application(s) to your students as soon as possible. Our goal is to have more applicants this year, and your encouragement will help us to award deserving students. Completed application packets must be submitted to Kina.Burkett@coastalalabama.edu before **March 31, 2021**. Late applications will be disqualified.

Sincerely,

Kina Burkett

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In order for winners to receive their financial awards, sponsors must provide official verification of Fall 2021 semester enrollment and proof of two weeks attendance in a postsecondary institution. Award checks, made payable to the student, will be initiated upon receipt of the requested documentation and forwarded to the designated mailing address.