The intent of the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is to decrease loan and other related financial burdens students acquire while attending college. Supplemental grant funds are designated for students in their first two years of college who have financial need and demonstrate diligence and academic focus throughout the semester.

In order to be considered for Medaille College’s TRiO Student Support Services Supplemental Grant Aid (SGA) award, you must first meet specific eligibility criteria outlined by the Department of Education and Medaille’s TRiO Student Support Services staff.

**The Department of Education SGA Eligibility Criteria**

- Current Pell Grant recipient
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Freshman or sophomore
- Current TRiO participant
- Have unmet financial aid (as determined by the Medaille College Financial Aid Office)

**TRiO Student Support Services SGA Eligibility Criteria:**

- Be an active TRiO participant (may include updating Individual Graduation Plan, apprising TRiO staff of personal and academic progress, attending tutoring, advisement, workshops, cultural events, etc.)
- Meet satisfactory academic progress standards
- Complete the attached Supplemental Grant Aid Application, including essay

The amount of each award will be determined by the Financial Aid Office and TRiO Student Support Services staff members based on an analysis of each student’s financial need. SGA awards are distributed by the Medaille College Financial Aid Office to reduce student loan debt and/or to pay any unpaid balance on the student's account.

*All TRiO participants may apply for the SGA, but federal guidelines stipulate that preference *must* go to participants who meet the Department of Education’s criteria that recipients be in their first or second year of college.*
Supplemental Grant Aid Application

General Information

Name ________________________________________________________________
   Last                        First                        MI

Address _______________________________ ____________________________
   Number                        City, State                 Zip

Home Phone ____________________________  E-Mail Address ____________________________

Date of Application _________________  Banner ID ____________________________

Academic Information

First Semester Enrolled at Medaille College ______  Current Cumulative GPA ______

Number of Credit Hours Enrolled ______  Number of Credit Hours Completed ______

Participation Information

Have you met with a TRiO Success Advocate this semester?    Y    N
   If yes, what did you discuss?

_____________________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

Have you utilized any TRiO activities or services?    Y    N
   If yes, please check all that apply:

☐ Tutoring     ☐ Workshops     ☐ Study Groups     ☐ Advising

☐ Peer Mentoring     ☐ Computer Lab     ☐ Disability Services

☐ Equipment/Textbook Loan     ☐ Social/Cultural Events
**Financial Aid Information**

Are you currently receiving a Pell Grant?  
Y  N

Are loans currently part of your financial aid package?  
Y  N

Do you currently receive any scholarships?  
Y  N

**Essay**

In a well organized essay, no more than two pages long, please address the following questions:

- What do you find most valuable about participation in the TRiO Student Support Services Program?
- What are your educational goals and how will this award help you accomplish them?

By signing the Supplemental Grant Aid Application, I certify the information provided is true and complete. I authorize the TRiO Student Support Services program staff and Medaille College’s Financial Aid Office to obtain and review any and all information necessary to assess my academic and financial circumstances as they relate to this application and award process.

Student Signature ___________________________  Date ____________

Staff Signature ___________________________  Date ____________

**Application Deadline**

Attach typed essay to the signed application and return the TRiO Office no later than December 8, 2014

TRiO Student Support Services  
Medaille College  
18 Agassiz Circle  
Huber Hall 107  
Buffalo, NY 14214

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- Financial Need ____________  Total Financial Aid Award ____________
- Amount of SGA Award ____________  Date Approved ____________