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NSCC AWARDED FIVE-YEAR TRIO-SSS GRANT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ARCHBOLD, OHIO – Northwest State Community College received a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education for TRIO-SSS (student support services). The College has officially received the Grant Award Notice for the period of 9/1/25-8/31/26.

ABOUT TRIO-SSS / STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Per the Department of Education, “The purpose of the Student Support Services Program (SSS) is to increase the number of disadvantaged low-income college students, first-generation college students, and college students with disabilities in the United States who successfully complete a program of study at the postsecondary level.”

TRIO-SSS AT NORTHWEST STATE – BY THE NUMBERS

Per Cassie Rickenberg, NSCC Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, “TRIO continues to be a transformative program for NSCC students. From 2020 to 2025, TRIO served 305 students; of those, 121 graduated from NSCC or transferred to a four-year institution, and more than 100 remain actively enrolled. TRIO participants persist at a rate 19% higher than the general student population at NSCC, according to TRIO data and the U.S. Department of Education Scorecard. The program plays a vital role in supporting first-generation college students, learners with disabilities, and those who are Pell-eligible.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information on NSCC degree and certificate programs, including transfer pathways, is available at <https://northweststate.edu>. For more information on the TRIO-SSS program at Northwest State, including available services and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://northweststate.edu/trio-2/> or call 419-267-1339.

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