

WAEOPP is....

... a **community** of professionals committed to improving our participant's success in gaining access to and graduating from post-secondary education.

... a **partner** with TRiO, schools and other educational opportunity programs, that assist in the preparation of low-income, first generation students for success in post-secondary education.

...a **source** of scholarships for student participants.

WAEOPP provides ...

... access to a **network** of professionals and organizations committed to the educational empowerment of Wisconsin's citizens.

... **mentoring** and professional support to advance the skills of its members.

... **access** to, and **awareness** of, important resources and information to aid in the successful operation of member programs.

... **advocacy** for disadvantaged students.

TRiO Mission

TRiO Programs affirm our nation's commitment to provide educational opportunity for all Americans. Funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, the programs are designed to assist Americans, from constituencies traditionally under-represented in higher education, to enter college, graduate and assimilate more fully into our country's economic and social fabric. By Congressional mandate, two-thirds of the participants served must come from low-income families in which neither parent graduated from college. The programs are non-discriminatory, providing services to eligible participants regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or disability.

These programs are:

Educational Opportunity Centers

Education Talent Search

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement

Student Support Services

Upward Bound

Upward Bound Math/Science

Veterans Upward Bound

TRiO Institutions

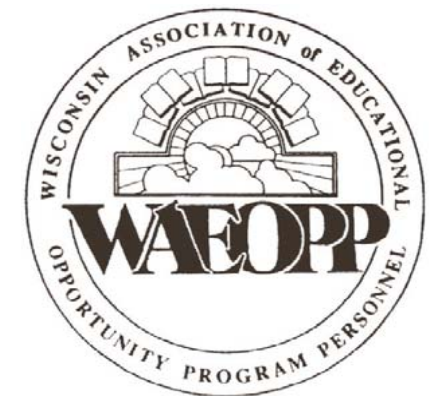
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Program
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**Supporting
Educational Access
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WAEOPP at Work!

WAEOPP Committees

The business of WAEOPP is conducted through a network of committees staffed by volunteers. Members of the committees (Scholarship, Study Abroad, TRiO Alumni, Legislative and Education, Public Relations and Communications, Mentoring, Membership and Credentials, Finance, Nominations and Election) provide direct services to student participants, advocacy and professional development opportunities.

Direct Services to Student Participants

Leadership Development: Annual MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference.

Graduate School Preparation: Annual WAEOPP Senior McNair/SSS Retreat.

Scholarships: Annual scholarships with a minimum value of at least \$1,000.

Study Abroad Programs: Coordinated and funded through partnerships with MAEOPP and COE.

Alumni Recognition: Annual WAEOPP TRiO Achiever Award recognizing the outstanding educational, community and professional achievement of alumni.

Advocacy for Students by the Professional Members of WAEOPP

Legislative and Education: Advocate for students and their needs by providing information to federal and state Legislators. Initiate relevant research, develop position statements, and initiate calls-to-action to the membership. Disseminate information pertaining to the establishment, governance, monitoring, funding, and persistence of TRiO/EOP and related programs. Coordinate State TRiO Day activities. Coordinate Policy Seminar appointments (one day federal advocacy seminar in Washington DC).

Public Relations and Communication: Generate annual production of TRiO yearbook. Produce promotional material for the association that communicates the mission of WAEOPP to the state and federal representatives. Design and develop material that advocates for disadvantaged students.

Professional Development and Services

Conferences: Annual WAEOPP and MAEOPP Professional Development Conferences which include newcomers receptions, TRiO Achievers recognition luncheons, networking opportunities and focused concurrent sessions.

Leadership Development: Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI), elected offices in the organization and committee membership.

Mentoring: Provided by experienced TRiO Professionals on an ongoing basis.

Listservs: Provide for online dialog on current issues and the exchange of operational information.

Alumni Database: Assist members with participant tracking required by the Federal Department of Education.

Organizational Structure

WAEOPP is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization with the membership being employees of TRiO programs or like-minded individuals and organizations.

WAEOPP is one of the ten state chapters of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP).

MAEOPP is one of ten affiliate members of the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE).

COE is a national organization located in Washington, DC. and solely dedicated to advocating for and advancing the ideal of equal educational opportunity in postsecondary education.

Since WAEOPP is one chapter of MAEOPP, membership is granted in both organizations through a paid membership in MAEOPP.

The MAEOPP membership application can be obtained online at: www.maeopp.org/member.htm -OR- www.waeopp.org/member.pdf

Membership in COE is independent of membership in its affiliates and is offered at both the individual and institutional level. For more information visit: www.trioprograms.org/joinus.html

**Become a member by
completing the application on
one of the websites!**

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