

# West Virginia TRiO

## What is Student Support Services?

Student Support Services (SSS) projects work to enable low-income students to stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degrees. Participants, who include disabled college students, receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction as well as exposure to cultural activities. Students are now being served at 947 colleges and universities nationwide. On average, students enrolled in the program saw their GPA rise from a 2.3 in their freshman year to a 2.6 by their senior year. Similarly, 77% of those who started college in the 1998-1999 school year were in good academic standing and by their senior year, 88% were in good academic standing.

## Is there a Student Support Services program at my institution?

There are currently nine Student Support Services programs in the state of West Virginia. Below you will find a listing of these programs as well as the program's contact information.

Institution	Phone Number	Institution	Phone Number
Bluefield State College	304-327-4227	Southern WV Community and Technical College	304-236-7646
Concord University	304-384-5282	West Virginia State University	304-766-3120
Glenville State College	304-462-4118	West Virginia University	304-263-6629
Marshall University	304-696-3164	WVU Institute of Technology	304-442-3478
Shepherd University	304-876-5396		

## What is the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program?

The Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement program is designed to encourage low-income students and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching as well as prepare for doctoral study. Students who participate in this program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors. This program was named in honor of the astronaut who died in the 1986 space-shuttle explosion. Currently, there are 201 projects, serving more than 5,400 students. Of the 1999 McNair-participant college graduates, 25-41% reported attending graduate schools and of those in their second year of graduate school, 91% were still enrolled.

## Is there a Ronald E. McNair program at my institution?

There are currently two Ronald E. McNair programs in the state of West Virginia. Below you will find a listing of these programs as well as the program's contact information.

Institution	Phone Number	Institution	Phone Number
Concord University	304-384-5153	West Virginia University	304-293-4316