



Purchasing Regalia for Graduation Ceremonies

TRIO graduation ceremonies represent the culmination of your participants' hard work and the success of your program. COE encourages TRIO projects to host such ceremonies to celebrate their students and encourage their next steps, whether it be further education (in high school, college, or graduate study) or moving beyond academic life and into their first careers.

TRIO projects that host a seminar or event marking the graduation of TRIO participants can pay for any supplies (including graduation regalia) needed to help make that event more successful.

The regulatory language regarding allowable costs for all TRIO programs notes that such costs include the following:

Purchase, lease, or rental of computer hardware, software, and other equipment, service agreements for such equipment and supplies for project administration or project recordkeeping.

34CFR Part 644.30 (f) [EOC]

34CFR Part 647.30 (d) [McNair]

34CFR Part 646.30 (f) [Student Support Services]

Purchase, lease, or rental of computer hardware, software, and other equipment, service agreements for such equipment and supplies that support the delivery of services to participants ...

34CFR Part 643.30 (f) [Talent Search]

34CFR Part 645.40 (n) [Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math-Science/Veterans Upward Bound]

Make sure that your participants are a part of the celebration; otherwise, you cannot use a supply for a participant that is not a part of the event.

For further questions on using regalia at your events or celebrations, please contact **Angelica Vialpando**, Senior Vice President for Program and Professional Development, at angelica.vialpando@coenet.org.