

POLICY SEMINAR 2026



REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Policy Seminar 2026 • Washington, D.C. • Monday through Wednesday, March 9-11, 2026 • TRIO alumni participation at this event will give graduates the skills they need to be TRIO advocates at the local, state, and national levels. The TRIO community must educate Congress on the history and impact of Federal TRIO programs.



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Legislative Conference • Monday through Wednesday, March 9-11, 2026

COE works to expand college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students. The TRIO community must educate Congress on the history and impact of Federal TRIO programs. Conference participants will receive advocacy training to prepare for visits with their elected officials in Congress.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All congressional meetings will be held in person on Capitol Hill. If you have any questions, please contact **Diane Shust** at diane.shust@coenet.org or **Christian Bell** at christian.bell@coenet.org.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2026

- 2:00–8:00 p.m.: Registration
- 6:30–7:30 p.m.: Opening Session
- 7:45–8:30 p.m.: Orientation for Hill Team Leaders

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

- 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Registration
- 9:00–10:00 a.m.: Congressional Staff Panel
- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Advocacy Skills Development (Interactive)
- 12:00–2:00 p.m.: Lunch on Your Own
- 2:00–3:00 p.m.: Member of Congress Address
- 3:00–4:00 p.m.: Capitol Hill Talking Points Overview
- 4:00–4:15 p.m.: Break
- 4:15–5:30 p.m.: State Team Meetings

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

- 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.: Congressional Visits
- 6:30–7:15 p.m.: Closing Plenary

Bring your TRIO alumni to the Legislative Conference! Alumni participation at this event will give graduates the skills they need to be TRIO advocates at the local, state, and national levels.

COE staff are delighted to help TRIO directors provide fulfilling policy experiences in Washington for their students on school breaks. Students should *not* miss school to attend the Legislative Conference.

Hotel Information

NEW HOTEL! Capital Hilton

1101 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

[Make hotel reservations here](#) or by calling 800-774-1500 and using the group code **COE3**.

- Single/Double: \$299 + taxes and fees, per night.

The cut-off date is **Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, or when the room block is full—whichever comes first. Make your reservation early!

Policy Seminar Registration Instructions and Deadlines

All registrations not completed online must include a credit card payment, check, or purchase order to be accepted.

Important Dates

Deadline for Hotel Room Block | **Tuesday, February 10, 2026** (or at capacity)
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Policy Seminar Registration Form

Registration

FOR ALL REGISTRANTS

___ Check here if you have special needs, food allergies, require disability accommodation, or vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free meals. (COE will contact you.)

TRIO Alumni Rate*

___ \$250 Policy Seminar: Legislative Conf.
ONLY *Register by form only.

Total Amount Due: _____

Contact Information

FOR TRIO ALUMNI NOT EMPLOYED BY TRIO

Name: _____ E-mail (work): _____

TRIO Project and Institution Graduated From: _____

Current Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Work Address Line 1: _____

Work Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Personal E-mail: _____

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