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The New England Educational Opportunity Association, or NEOA, is an organization of professionals who are actively interested in ensuring equal educational opportunities in higher education. Founded in 1976, NEOA has membership of more than 300 educators throughout the six New England states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The mission of NEOA is to advocate for access to and success in post-secondary education for low-income individuals, first generation college students, and students with disabilities and to develop the skills and knowledge of educational opportunity professionals working with this population. Each year in February, NEOA organizes a TRIO Day conference that offers the opportunity to gather and reflect on the impact of our federally funded college access programs in the region.

NEOA invites presentation proposals for the **2026 TRIO Day Conference**, hosted at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center in Framingham, Massachusetts on **February 19-20, 2026**. This annual gathering celebrates the achievements of TRIO programs and provides program participants with tools and inspiration to support first-generation and underrepresented students on their paths to higher education and career success.

Conference Theme:

"College and Career Excellence: Resources for Access, Readiness, and Success"

We are seeking engaging, interactive sessions designed for TRIO high school students that focus on:

- **College Access and Success:** Admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and persistence strategies.
- **Career Readiness:** Career exploration, workforce skills, internships, and professional development.
- **Student Empowerment:** Building confidence, leadership, time management, and resilience.
- **Community and Resources:** Highlighting campus, community, and online supports that help students succeed through college graduation.



Audience:

- High school students in TRIO programs (Upward Bound, Talent Search, etc.)

Proposal Guidelines:

- Sessions should be **interactive and student-centered**, with practical takeaways and resources.
- Presenters may include educators, counselors, college/university professionals, employers, and community organizations.
- Sessions will be 60 - 75 minutes in length.

Submission Details:

- Proposal Title
- Presenter(s) Name(s), Title(s), and Organization(s)
- Session Abstract (150–250 words)
- Intended Learning Outcomes for Students
- Target Audience

Deadline for Submissions: Monday November 3, 2025

Notification of Acceptance: Monday December 1, 2025

Submit proposals online at: tridayneoa@gmail.com

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Join us in shaping a dynamic conference that empowers TRIO students to thrive in college and beyond!