Council for Opportunity in Education 2026 National Census of TRIO Programs Sweepstakes Official Rules

Dates: November 2, 2026 – February 1, 2027

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS SWEEPSTAKES. A PURCHASE OR PAYMENT WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

1. **Sponsor and Administrator:** The Council for Opportunity in Education, a nonprofit organization located at 1025 Vermont Avenue N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20005-3516 ("Sponsor"), will serve as the sponsor and the administrator of the Council for Opportunity in Education 2026 National Census of TRIO Programs Sweepstakes ("Sweepstakes"). The Sweepstakes is designed to incentivize participation in the surveys (the "Surveys") related to the National Census of TRIO Programs (the "Programs"). Prizes will be provided to the institution/organization employed by the person who submits an entry to the Sweepstakes, and such institution/organization shall be the "Entrant" for purposes of the Sweepstakes and these Official Rules.

2. **Prizes and Entry Methods:** Sponsor will randomly select winners to receive prizes ("Prizes") for completing a Survey between 12:01 AM EST on November 2, 2026 and 12:00 PM EST on February 1, 2027. A total of $3,000 in Prizes will be provided in the form of $1,000 Visa eGift Cards, one for each Survey as follows:

   (a) National Census of TRIO Programs Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math-Science Survey: To be eligible, Entrants must host an Upward Bound or Upward Bound Math-Science program funded by the Federal Government as a TRIO grantee and submit a survey response. No more than one (1) entry will be accepted per PRA grant award number for an Entrant.

   (b) National Census of TRIO Programs Veterans Upward Bound Survey: To be eligible, Entrants must host a Veterans Upward Bound program funded by the Federal Government as a TRIO grantee and submit a survey response. No more than one (1) entry will be accepted per PRA grant award number for an Entrant.

   (c) National Census of TRIO Programs Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Survey: To be eligible, Entrants must host a Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program funded by the Federal Government as a TRIO grantee and submit a survey response. No more than one (1) entry will be accepted per PRA grant award number for an Entrant.

3. **No Purchase Necessary / Alternative Method of Entry:** Payment or membership in Sponsor is not required for participating in the Sweepstakes. If an Entrant does not want to participate in a Survey, Entrant may alternatively enter by providing the following information to pellstaff@pellinstitute.org during the Sweepstakes Period (as defined in Section 9):

    - Full Name of Individual
    - Email Address
    - Institution Name
    - PRA Grant Award Number
    - Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
    - Telephone Number

    Entries are limited to one (1) per PRA grant award number per Entrant. All entries must be received by the end of the Sweepstakes Period. Proof of sending an entry is not considered proof of delivery or receipt. No photocopied or mechanically reproduced entries will be accepted. Illegible, incomplete, and duplicate entries will be disqualified. All entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned.

4. **Other Entry Terms**. If it is discovered that an Entrant has registered or attempted to register using multiple identities, use of proxy servers or any other method of unauthorized entry, all in Sponsor's sole and absolute discretion, all of that Entrant's entries will be declared null and void, Entrant will be disqualified from the Sweepstakes and any Prize that Entrant might have been entitled to receive will not be awarded to such Entrant. Entries that are late, lost, illegible, duplicated, mechanically reproduced, contain false information, damaged, misdirected, mutilated, distorted or incomplete, altered or otherwise irregular, in the sole discretion of Sponsor; that have been submitted or generated using robotic, programmed, script, or any other automated means, or illicit means; or that do not conform with or satisfy any or all of the conditions set out in the Official Rules, each as determined by Sponsor in its sole and absolute discretion, may be judged void and disqualified.

5. **ARV, Odds, Gift Cards and Other Prize Conditions:** The odds for receiving a Prize will depend on the number of valid entries per Survey. The Prizes consist solely of three (3) $1,000 Visa eGift Cards ($3,000 total ARV). If 80% of Entrants respond to the applicable Survey, the odds of receiving a Prize are estimated to be as follows:

Survey	Prize	Odds
Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math-Science	$1,000 Visa eGift Card	1:1000
Veterans Upward Bound	$1,000 Visa eGift Card	1:50

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program	$1,000 Visa eGift Card	1:160

GIFT CARD CONDITIONS: The Visa eGift Cards provided as Prizes are subject to terms, conditions and policies specified by the issuer. Such terms and conditions may include any or all of the following, as well as others: gift cards may not be redeemable for cash, or used for payment on accounts, or used for the payment of prior purchases; gift cards are non-refundable; purchases and amounts spent or deducted may be non-refundable; gift cards may expire on a designated date; and gift cards may be redeemable only by legal residents of specific jurisdictions. Use of a gift card constitutes acceptance of the issuer's terms, conditions and policies, and as such, each winner of a gift card should carefully read the terms, conditions and policies. Each winner should also safeguard the gift card as it would any other valuable item. The gift card is usable up to its balance only.

No substitution for a Prize by a winner will be permitted. If necessary due to unavailability of a Prize, a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded at the discretion of Sponsor. Prizes are not transferable, assignable or redeemable for cash. Winners shall confirm acceptance of the Prize after notification by Sponsor. If a prize notification is returned to Sponsor as undeliverable or if an Entrant is found to be ineligible (in accordance with these Official Rules) or declines to accept a Prize for any reason, an alternate winner will be selected in a random drawing conducted by Sponsor. By entering this Sweepstakes and/or accepting a Prize, winners and each Entrant hereby consent (except where prohibited by law) to the disclosure and reasonable use by Sponsor of the winners' and Entrants' names for any future promotional activity related to this Sweepstakes.

6. **Prize Selection:** The selections will be made at random from valid entries. Winners will be announced via the Pell Institute's website (https://pellinstitute.org) on or before 5:00 PM EST Friday, February 1, 2027.

7. **Prize Distribution:** After the selection has been made, those receiving a Prize will receive an email notifying them of their selection. If the potential winner does not respond within fifteen (15) calendar days of the first notification attempt, or if the notification is returned unclaimed or undeliverable, such potential winner will be disqualified from receiving the Prize. Sponsor may award a substitute Prize of comparable or greater value if any of the listed Prizes become unavailable for any reason. Thereafter, each winner may be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility and Publicity/Liability Release (except to the extent prohibited by law), an IRS W-9 form (i.e., Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification), and any other required tax-related documents within fifteen (15) calendar days of issuance by Sponsor. Failure to return all required documents in this time period may

result in such winner being disqualified and an alternate winner selected in a random drawing conducted by Sponsor.

8. **Eligibility**: Entrants must be legal entities within the United States, its territories, and the District of Columbia that are identified as current grantees of the Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science, Veterans Upward Bound, or Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program as of 12:01 AM EST on November 2, 2026. Individuals submitting entries on behalf of the legal entity must be employed by that entity, legal residents in the United States, including its territories and the District of Columbia, and 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. An Entrant need not be present to win. The following individuals are not eligible to enter or win: (a) employees (including officers and directors) of Sponsor; (b) Sponsor's staff with Emeritus status; and (c) Pell Institute Staff, including Research Fellows. Entities that appear on the U.S. Government Department of the Treasury's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List are also not eligible to enter or win. An "Entrant" is an eligible institution/organization on whose behalf an entry is submitted in accordance with these Official Rules.

9. **Full Sweepstakes Period:** The Sweepstakes begins 12:01 AM EST on November 2, 2026 and ends 12:00 PM EST on February 1, 2027 (the "Sweepstakes Period").

10. **Conduct of Participation:** By entering the Sweepstakes, each Entrant and each winner affirms that he or she has read and agrees to abide by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant or any winner acting in violation of these Official Rules or found tampering with the entry process or with the operation of the Sweepstakes. Sponsor reserves the right to modify, extend, suspend, or terminate the Sweepstakes, in whole or in part, if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the Sweepstakes is technically impaired or corrupted, or that fraud or technical problems, failures, or malfunctions or other unintended circumstances have impaired the integrity, administration, security, or proper administration of the Sweepstakes. The Sweepstakes is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited. As a condition of entering this Sweepstakes, each Entrant agrees that: (a) under no circumstances will the Entrant be entitled or permitted to obtain awards for, and the Entrant expressly waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, and consequential damages, and any other damages, other than actual, out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased, and in no event shall attorney's fees be recoverable by either party; and (b) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with the Sweepstakes or any Prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY SYSTEMS RELATED TO SPONSOR OR THE SWEEPSTAKES OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE SWEEPSTAKES MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE

MADE, SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM SUCH ENTRANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

11. **Limitations of Liability:** Released Parties (as defined herein) are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate entry or entries, errors in calculations, theft, tampering, destruction, or unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries; printing or other errors; and any entries or mail which are late, lost, delayed, incomplete, misdirected, stolen, mutilated, illegible, postage due or any combination thereof. Sponsor reserves the right to modify, amend, suspend or terminate the Sweepstakes or these Official Rules in the event that it becomes necessary due to circumstances beyond Sponsor's control, or unforeseen events, as determined by Sponsor in its sole and exclusive discretion, including without limitation, Acts of God, pandemic, epidemic, "shelter in place" and similar orders and other government actions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Sponsor may decide to postpone the drawing dates or other deadlines herein, or terminate the Sweepstakes early. In the event the Sweepstakes is terminated early, the winners may be selected from all eligible entries received at the time of termination, in Sponsor's full discretion.

    THIS SWEEPSTAKES AND ALL PRIZES ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY, REPRESENTATION, GUARANTEE OR CONDITION OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED OR OTHER WARRANTIES SO THE ABOVE DISCLAIMER MAY NOT APPLY TO ALL ENTRANTS TO THE EXTENT SUCH JURISDICTIONS' LAW IS APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTRANTS AND THESE OFFICIAL RULES.

12. **Release of Liability:** By participating, winners and Entrants agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor and each of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, affiliates, and related entities (collectively, "Released Parties"), from and against any claims made by any winner and any Entrant or any other third parties related in any way to the operation of this Sweepstakes, as well as any other claims, damages or liability due to any injuries, damages or losses (whether alleged, threatened, or actual) to any person (including death) or property of any kind resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from participation in this Sweepstakes or any related activity (including the acceptance, use or redemption of any Prize). Winners and Entrants assume all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by participation in this Sweepstakes or acceptance, use or redemption of any Prize.

13. **Disputes and Governing Law:** These Official Rules and any disputes relating hereto are governed by the internal laws of the District of Columbia, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. The Sweepstakes is governed by the laws of the United States and, by entering, winners and Entrants hereby submit to the exclusive

jurisdiction and venue of the federal, state and local courts located in the District of Columbia for resolution of any disputes resulting from the Sweepstakes, and waive any objection thereto.

14. **Winners List and Official Rules:** A person may obtain copies of these Official Rules or a list of winners by sending a request to: COE 2026 National Census of TRIO Programs Sweepstakes, c/o Council for Opportunity in Education, 1025 Vermont Avenue N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20005-3516; all requests must be received within six (6) months after the end of the Sweepstakes Period. Winners will be notified privately, confirm acceptance of the Prize, and be announced on the Pell Institute's website (https://pellinstitute.org).

15. **Privacy / Use of Personal Information:** Unless prohibited by law, by participating in the Sweepstakes, each Entrant hereby consents to Sponsor's collection, use, and disclosure of such Entrant's personal information for the purposes of administering the Sweepstakes and Prize fulfillment. Sponsor will handle all personal information in accordance with its internal privacy policies. By accepting a Prize, and unless prohibited by law, each winner agrees to Sponsor's use of his or her name in any internal communications and promotional activity Sponsor may conduct relating to the Sweepstakes, including but not limited to the communication channels used by Sponsor, at any time without further compensation or notice, and hereby releases Released Parties from any liability with respect thereto.

16. **Miscellaneous: VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW OR WHERE BONDING, REGISTRATION, OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN MET.** If any provision of these Official Rules is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Sponsor's failure to enforce any provision of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between disclosures or other statements in any Sweepstakes-related materials and the terms and conditions of these Official Rules, these Official Rules shall prevail, govern and control.

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Abbreviated Rules

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POP/IN-STORE SIGNAGE ABBREVIATED

Abbreviated Rules. NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY. To participate, an individual must be employed at an institution/organization in the U.S. with an eligible TRIO Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science, Veterans Upward Bound, or Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, be a legal U.S. resident, and be 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. Sweepstakes begins on November 2, 2026, and ends on February 1, 2027. Prizes: three (3) $1,000 Visa eGift Cards; total ARV: $3,000. For complete details see Official Rules available at [LINK]. Sponsor: Council for Opportunity in Education, 1025 Vermont Avenue N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20005-3516.

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