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**Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association**

**2024 Policy Seminar Participation Interest Form for TRIO/GEAR UP Staff**

**Complete all FOUR sections.**

**Section 1: Contact Information**

| Name: |  |
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| Street Address: |  |
| City: |  |
| State: |  |
| Zip Code: |  |
| Home and Cell #: |  |
| E-mail Address: |  |
| *National Policy Seminar (COE),* ***March 17-20, 2024*** *Washington, DC* |

**Section 2: TRIO/GEAR UP Affiliation**

| **Check TRIO/GEAR UP Project Type(s)** | **What TRIO/GEAR UP program and institution do you work for?**  |
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| * Upward Bound
* Talent Search
* Student Support Services
* Veterans Upward Bound
* Educational Opportunity Centers
* Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
* Upward Bound Math/Science
* GEAR UP
* Other:
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| **What is your TRIO/GEAR UP staff position title?** |
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| **Number of Years Employed**  |
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| **TRIO/GEAR UP Director’s Name:** | **Sign here:** |
| **Deadline: Friday, January 5, 2024****Arielle Derival – State Liaison****Email: aderival@bu.edu** | **Your signature indicates an understanding that you will be considered as a possible candidate to represent the TRIO/GEAR UP community while also serving on the planning committee for the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. Please note that submissions may be used for future MEOA publications.** |

**Section 3:** On a separate paper, please write about the impact the TRIO/GEAR UP Program has had on the students you have worked with, and what in particular would make you a good candidate to attend the Policy Seminar. What do you plan to learn from this experience? (Limit: one type written page).

**Section 4**: **Please check one of the following:**

* I have attended Policy Seminar in the past. If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* I have **never** attended Policy Seminar.

**Section 5: Directors Recommendation:** Please type a short statement 1) that speaks to this person’s ability to communicate the purpose of TRIO/GEAR UP effectively; 2) What he/she will gain from the experience; 3) In general, how his/her attendance will make a difference in regards to our effort, as an association, to advocate for first generation and low income students and families.