

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: TRIO PROGRAM

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Student Support Services (SSS), an academic support program, assists 232 participating students each year in identifying and pursuing their educational goals; establishing, maintaining, or improving their academic performance; and working through the challenges of university life.

The SSS-Trio program offers participants individualized tutoring in most subject areas, educational planning and goal setting, academic advising, and focused learning and study skill development. SSS also provides personal support. This support is particularly helpful for students with specific needs (e.g., delayed entry or re-entry, nontraditional preparation, disabilities that impact learning, academic probation and reinstatement, or provisional admission).

To be eligible for services, a student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident, have a need for academic services, and fit one of the following categories:

1. low income (according to federal guidelines);
2. from a first generation family (neither parent/guardian has earned a baccalaureate degree); or
3. have a documented disability that impacts learning.

SSS Merit Scholarships (between \$890-\$1,000) will be awarded spring semester to each active program participant with freshman or sophomore standing who is a PELL Grant recipient with financial need and who makes satisfactory academic progress during the fall semester. Students are accepted into the program on a first-come, first-served basis and are encouraged to contact the office as early in the semester as possible.