Educational Opportunity Programs

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

The Student Support Services program is a U.S. Department of Education TRIO program supported and funded 100% in federal funds each year over a five year period. Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education.

The Georgia Southern University TRIO Student Support Services program offers the following services:

• Academic advising. Participants are paired with a SSS supplemental academic advisor to assist with their academic, career, and personal growth throughout their college career.

• Tutoring. Participants have access to individual or group tutoring in numerous subjects at no cost.

• Financial aid assistance. SSS staff assist participants with information on the full range of student financial aid programs, the benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and in completing financial aid applications.

• Financial literacy counseling. Through workshops, participants learn how to understand debt, budget their fiscal resources, make informed financial decisions and improve their financial and economic literacy.

• Career exploration opportunities. In collaboration with on and off campus partners, participants are provided with opportunities to better position themselves for a career after graduation.

• Graduate and professional school admission assistance. SSS staff assist participants in applying for admission to graduate and professional programs, taking admission exams and arrange campus visits/tours.

• Cultural enrichment experiences. SSS sponsors cultural events designed to give students the opportunity to be exposed to, engage in, and/or embrace other cultures or culturally enriching experiences.

• Mentoring. Participants cultivate a one-on-one relationship with staff which aids in the facilitation of academic and personal support throughout their academic career.

• Grant Aid. Participants who are Pell grant recipients are eligible to apply for grant aid. Due to limited funds, meeting application requirements does not guarantee an award will be given.

• Temporary Housing. Depending on the availability of funds, SSS may also secure temporary housing during breaks for participants who are homeless youths and participants who are aging out of the foster care system.

How to Apply

A student is eligible to participate in Georgia Southern University’s TRIO Student Support Services programs if he or she meets criteria for TRIO eligibility. TRIO SSS programs are provided on the Statesboro and Armstrong/Liberty Campuses. Students enrolled at or accepted to the Armstrong/Liberty Campuses may only apply to that respective program. Students enrolled at or accepted to the Statesboro campus may only apply to the Statesboro program.

Apply to the Armstrong/Liberty Campuses (http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/riosss/files/Armstrong-Campus-TRIO-SSS-Application.pdf)

Apply to the Statesboro Campus (https://qafederation.ngwebsolutions.com/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpId=gsuLDAP&TargetResource=https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/ShowForm.aspx?RequestedDynamicFormTemplate=b6f82c7d-dcd6-4a82-b295-d846d1557a4c)

The following students are considered to be TRIO eligible:

• First-generation college students,
• Low income students, and
• Students with a disability

Please note for TRIO Student Support Services Eligibility Purposes:

• First-generation college student are those whose parents or guardians did not graduate from a four-year institution.
• Low income is based on Federal Income Guidelines (https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html).
• Students with disabilities are not required to be registered with the Student Accessibility Resource Center but, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this important resource.

For More Information:

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