Educational Opportunity Programs

TRiO Student Support Services (SSS)

The SSS program provides comprehensive services to first-generation students, low-income students, and students with disabilities. The primary goal of SSS is to help transition, retain, and graduate students at Georgia Southern. Through our services, we provide opportunities for academic development, assist with college requirements, and serve to motivate students toward the successful completion of their undergraduate degree program.

The SSS program offers the following services:

- **Individualized academic advising.** Participants are paired with a SSS Advisor to assist with their academic, career, and personal growth throughout their college career.
- **Priority tutoring.** Participants have access to Mathematics and English tutoring facilitated by the SSS program. In addition, tutoring arrangements are made for students who need individualized or group help in various subjects taught on campus.
- **Financial aid assistance.** Our SSS staff works with participants to research and apply for financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
- **Financial literacy counseling.** Through workshops, participants learn how to understand debt, budget their fiscal resources, and make informed financial decisions.
- **Career exploration opportunities.** Working with the partnering programs on campus, participants are provided with opportunities to better position themselves for a career after graduation.
- **Graduate and professional school admission assistance.** Participants are provided resources to prepare them for graduate school admission examinations, campus visits, interviews, etc.
- **Cultural enrichment experiences.** SSS sponsors one cultural event each semester. These events are 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 their assigned staff members. This aids in the facilitation of academic and personal support throughout their academic career.

**Apply**

A student is eligible to participate in Georgia Southern University’s SSS programs if he or she meets criteria for TRIO eligibility. Students enrolled at or accepted to the Armstrong Campus may **only apply** to the Armstrong program. Students enrolled at or accepted to the Statesboro campus may **only apply** to the Statesboro program.

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

Apply to the Statesboro Campus (https://qafederation.ngwebsolutions.com/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpld=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:

- First-generation college student’s 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) (Pell Grant recipients generally qualify).
- Students with disabilities have to be registered with the Student Disability Resource Center.

For More Information:

TRIO Student Support Services Armstrong Campus, Solms Hall Suite 212; 912-344-3023
TRIO Student Support Services Statesboro Campus, Rosenwald Building Suite 1051; 912-478-2387

America Reads/America Counts

The America Reads/America Counts Program is a Federal Work-Study Program designed to provide outreach services to grade school students that promote academic success and post-secondary educational opportunities. More specifically, America Reads promotes literacy for elementary school age children and America Counts is an effort to improve student achievement in mathematics and aims to help students succeed in the foundations of algebra and geometry by the completion of 9th grade. The America Reads/America Counts Program works with surrounding elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as community organizations to ensure that students are prepared for the challenges of higher level courses. Georgia Southern students who are eligible for the Federal Work-Study Program may use their award by tutoring up to 10 hours per week at a participating school or organization.