



Student Support Services Grant Aid Application 2012-13

Guidelines:

Student Support Services (SSS) Grant Aid is a financial award available to eligible SSS participants. The SSS Grant Aid is provided by the Office of TRIO Programs through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support the educational pursuits of SSS participants at North Dakota State University (NDSU).

The goals of the SSS Grant Aid are to:

- Improve SSS participants' retention by supplementing financial assistance.
- Improve academic success by reducing the number of hours SSS participants need to work.
- Provide incentives for SSS participants to make timely progress in their degree program and to successfully complete their developmental coursework.
- Demonstrate support for SSS participants who are **actively** using SSS resources to facilitate their academic success.

SSS students must meet the following criteria to be considered for this grant aid:

- Must be an SSS participant.
- Must be enrolled for fall courses full-time.
- **Returning students**, must be in good academic standing (at 2.0 or better, cumulative).
- Must have completed **2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)** by April 1, 2011.
- Must be eligible for a Federal **Pell Grant**.
- Must have **Unmet Financial Need** as determined by Student Financial Services.
- Priority is given to **freshman and sophomores** students accepted into SSS. If any additional funds remain after freshman and sophomores are served, SSS grant aid will be made available to **juniors and seniors**.
- **If selected, must complete two (2) required online financial literacy sessions.** Instructions and due date will be provided with the award notification. **Failure to meet this requirement may result in loss of the entire award.**

Once a student is awarded an SSS Grant Aid and it is accepted, participants will be notified via NDSU email. Your financial aid summary will be adjusted to reflect the award. SSS Grant Aid is awarded on a first come first served basis.

Participants will be evaluated on a semester basis to ensure active status, and continuation of award. In addition, SSS participants awarded an SSS Grant are subject to re-payment *if* you drop below full-time enrollment and/or fall below good academic standing.

To be considered, the 2012-13 SSS Grant Aid application must be completed and submitted by the due date. No exceptions.

Deadline for Submission: April 20, 2012

Complete application must be submitted to:
Student Support Services
Office of TRIO Program
Ceres Hall 335



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Complete the following application and return to Student Support Services, 335 Ceres Hall, by **Friday, April 20, 2012**. Students must meet all criteria listed on the "Guidelines for SSS Grant Aid" to be eligible for the award.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ ID# _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Classification: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Are you currently on academic probation? ☐ Yes ☐ No Current GPA (if available): _____

Do you receive a: Federal Pell Grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No Cultural Diversity Waiver? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Essay:

Please attach a **one-page single spaced** personal essay explaining your reasons for applying, and how you will benefit from receiving this grant.

Please review your application to ensure completeness and that you have attached the personal essay. **Incomplete applications will not be considered. SSS Grant Aid recipients will be notified in June via NDSU email.**

My signature below indicates that the information provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I understand that I must be receiving a Pell Grant in order to receive SSS Grant Aid. I agree to repay any SSS Grant Aid received during any semester(s) in which I am ineligible or become ineligible to receive a Pell Grant. I understand that meeting the criteria does not guarantee me grant aid.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

~For SSS Staff Use Only~

Applicant:

☐ Meets Criteria

Criteria	Fall/Spring
Pell Recipient	
Unmet Need	
Loans to Reduce	
Cultural Tuition Discount	
Grant Aid Awarded	

☐ Does Not Meet Criteria

Reason: _____