Eligibility Requirements

- Low Income (Income Verification through the FAFSA Process)
- First Generation College Student (neither of your parents/guardians graduated from a four-year college or university); and/or
- a student with a Documented Disability

Federal TRIO Programs 2005 Annual Low Income Levels
(Effective February 2004 Until Further Notice)

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For family units with more than 8 members, add the following amount for each additional family member: $4,770 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; $5,970 for Alaska; and $5,490 for Hawaii.

The term “low-income individual” means an individual whose family’s taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150% of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 30, February 13, 2004, pp. 7336-7338.

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What is Student Support Services?
The Office of Student Support Services (SSS) is a Title IV, equal-opportunity program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The SSS Program at Florida Gulf Coast University is a selective program for first generation college students, low income, and/or students with disabilities, which enhances the overall college experience and assists them in being successful through services at no cost to program participants. SSS is a resource that ensures students are achieving at their highest level. More importantly, SSS is a support system and an advocate for students. Our mission is to ensure that each student graduates and goes on to pursue post-baccalaureate studies.

Student Support Services Purpose
- To increase retention and graduation rates of eligible students;
- To increase the transfer rate of eligible students from two-year to four-year institutions;
- To foster an institutional climate supportive of success of low-income, first generation, and college students with disabilities through identified support services.

Enrollment Requirements
1. Completion of FAFSA Form
2. Submit Program Application
3. Submit Verification of Income
4. Consultation with SSS Staff

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Professional Mentoring
This program involves a one-on-one appointment between faculty and students. Students are matched with a faculty member that works in the student’s field of interest. You will get some great tips on how to proceed with your career interest!

Co-Curricular Programming & Workshops
The workshops are intended to help all students:
- Improve study skills and study habits
- Learn time management and budgeting
- Learn about diversity and different cultures

Counseling & Referral Services
We provide both on and off campus referrals for a variety of services and agencies:
- Counseling and Student Health Services
- Center for Academic Assistance
- The Writing Center
- United Way
- Dept. of Children and Family Services
- Family Resource Center at FGCU
- Campus Services and Activities

Tutoring
We have many tools available to help students succeed academically:
- Video tutorials on a variety of subjects
- Books on writing skills, chemistry, biology, algebra, and more
- Personal tutoring referrals
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities
Federal, state, and institutional programs are available through SSS for students who meet eligibility requirements. To apply for financial aid please visit our office.

Study Abroad Opportunities
We provide opportunities for students to study abroad in many countries. Check with us for details!

Computer Lab and Assistance
SSS provides services that enable students to effectively understand how to use computers in their academic pursuits:
- A mini computer-lab with Windows, High-Speed Internet, and email access for students
- Assistance using Windows XP programs including PowerPoint, Word, Excel, FrontPage, and Access
- Conducting research using the Internet
- FAFSA Support
- Printing services are also available

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