

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Student Support Services

Also Known as

SSS; TRIO (SSS is one of several TRIO programs.)

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.042

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)

Current Competitions

None. FY 2008 funds support continuations and additional awards from prior competitions. Competitions are held every four years. Next competition expected: FY 2009, with application deadline in summer or fall 2008.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$271,413,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$271,567,000

Fiscal Year 2008 \$282,125,000

Note: The amount shown for each fiscal year under Appropriations above is a portion of the total appropriations for federal TRIO programs in that year.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1 (from prior competition)

Average New Award: \$288,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 948

Average Continuation Award: \$297,000

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 1, Sec. 402D; 20 *U.S.C.* 1070a-14

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 *CFR* 646

Program Description

The program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students to complete their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants (see # 84.063, under topical heading "Federal Student Aid"). The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next.

Types of Projects

Projects include: instruction in basic study skills; tutorial services; academic, financial, or personal counseling; assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in four-year institutions; assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate and professional programs; guidance on career options; mentoring and special services for students with limited English proficiency (LEP); and college scholarships.

Education Level (by category)

Postsecondary

Subject Index

Academic Achievement, Disadvantaged, High-Risk Students, Low Income, Postsecondary Education, Secondary Education

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