

GRANT AID GUIDELINES

This award will help recipients to:

(1) attend school for consecutive semesters until graduation and/or transfer and reduce any existing loan burden.

The application for Grant Aid is only available on the SSS website (www.susla.edu)

All SSS Students must complete a GRANT AID APPLICATION each award period. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AID IS AWARDED EACH SEMESTER WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

- Grant Aid Applications <u>must</u> be submitted by 12:00 pm on the deadline date of April 17, 2025. (<u>NO EXCEPTIONS</u>)
- 2. Students <u>must</u> be full-time/part-time postsecondary education students, receive a Federal Pell Grant, and have earned less than 60 hours. (60 hours or more Exceptions are reviewed on a case-by-case basis).
- 3. Students <u>must</u> have an unmet financial need as verified by the SUSLA Financial Aid Office.
- 4. Students who meet the Grant Aid Criteria will be submitted to the Financial Aid Office for verification.
- 5. Students must be in good academic standing and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- 6. Students <u>must</u> complete the Grant Aid Application, a 500-word Essay demonstrating financial need. Students <u>must</u> <u>type in the</u> Grant Aid Essay; which should include how the funds will be used in, **12- point font.**
- 7. Students <u>must</u> submit an unofficial transcript; which <u>must</u> be attached to the Grant Aid application <u>at the time of submitting</u> the Grant Aid application.
- 8. Students <u>must</u> have completed the Grant Aid Information Workshop (as prescribed); applicants <u>must</u> read and sign the Grant Aid Guidelines Form each semester.
- 9. SSS students <u>must</u> attend at least (6) TRIO –SSS-sponsored workshops, seminars, or recommended activities. (<u>These activities may include Academic Advising</u>, <u>How to</u>

Workshops/Seminars, Tutoring, and/or Cultural Events.)

- -Students must visit with the SSS counselor three (3) times a semester for assistance with personal, academic, and career needs.
- -Grant aid informational workshop is included as a credited workshop. (MANDATORY) (If the student is not able to attend workshops, college tours, or recommended activities. They must visit with their counselor (9) times per semester for academic advising.)
- 10. Grant Aid will be awarded according to available funds, and the number of qualifying applicants with awards ranging in the amount from \$550.00 \$5,500.00.
- 11. All Grand Aid applicants will be notified of individual grant aid award status via email.

Appeal: Students who do not qualify for Grant Aid due to the above-mentioned standards and wish to appeal the decision may do so by having a:

- 1) Conference with his/her Counselor. If not resolved,
- 2) Conference with SSS Director. If not resolved,
- 3) Conference with Ex. Director of Student Success

SSS reserves the right to the final approval!