Summer Grant Aid Application and Guidelines

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

**To be eligible for SSS Grant Aid, you must:**
- Be enrolled at NDSU for Summer 2017.
- Be a current SSS participant for at least one semester prior to applying for the grant.
- Have received Federal Pell Grant in the 2016-17 academic year.
- Be in good academic standing (2.0 or higher, cumulative).
- Have an unmet financial need as determined by SSS.
- **Priority is given to students who are in their first 2 years of postsecondary education.** If additional funds remain, SSS Grant Aid may be made available to participants who are at high risk of dropping out of NDSU.
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2017-2018 academic year.

**To be considered:**
- Complete **two** online financial literacy sessions before May 13, 2017. Instructions available at: [https://www.ndsu.edu/trio/studentsupportservices/student_services/financial_literacy_and_budgeting_help_with_cash_course/](https://www.ndsu.edu/trio/studentsupportservices/student_services/financial_literacy_and_budgeting_help_with_cash_course/)
- Attach a **ONE-page single-spaced** personal essay **OR** record a **TWO-minute video** explaining:
  - Your reasons for applying.
  - How the aid will assist you in successfully completing your college degree.
- Failure to meet all of these requirements will result in loss of eligibility.

Each application will be verified for enrollment as part of active status. Once awarded SSS Grant Aid, participants will be notified via NDSU email. The SSS Grant Aid will be reflected on the financial aid summary.

Due to limited funds available, all students who apply are not guaranteed SSS Grant Aid. To be considered, the Summer 2017 SSS Grant Aid application and all accompanying documents must be completed and submitted by May 1, 2017. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

**Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2017**
Complete application must be submitted to:
Student Support Services
Office of TRIO Programs
Ceres Hall 335
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Applicant Information:

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________________ Email: __________________________________

Year in college: □ 1st or 2nd year □ 3rd year □ 4+ years

Classification: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior

Are you currently on academic or financial aid probation? □ Yes □ No GPA (cumulative): _______

Do you receive: Federal Pell Grant? □ Yes □ No Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount? □ Yes □ No

A. Attach a one-page single-spaced essay describing your reasons for applying and how the SSS Grant Aid money will assist you in successfully completing your college degree.

OR

B. Record a two-minute video explaining your reasons for applying and how SSS Grant Aid money will assist you in successfully completing your college degree.

- Review your application to ensure completeness, including the personal essay or video.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered after May 1, 2017.
- SSS Grant Aid recipients will be notified no later than June via NDSU email.
- Disbursement of SSS Grant Aid will vary based on summer session drop date.

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 understand that meeting the criteria does not guarantee Grant Aid.

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: _______________________

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□ Meets Criteria

□ Does Not Meet Criteria

Reason(s): __________________________

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Criteria | Summer 2017
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Pell Recipient |
Unmet Need |
Loans to Reduce |
Cultural Tuition Discount |
Grant Aid Awarded |