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 a current SSS participant for at least one semester prior to applying for the grant.
- Have received Federal Pell Grant in the 2018-19 academic year.
- Be in good academic standing (2.0 or higher, cumulative).
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2018-2019 academic year.

To be considered:
1. Complete two online financial literacy sessions before Dec 12, 2018. Instructions available at: https://www.ndsu.edu/trio/student.supportservices/student_services/financial_literacy_and_budgeting_help_with_cash_course/
2. Provide proof you have completed the Free ACT Engage Assessment
   a. If you're a first-time ACT Engage user, complete this form to register for your survey.
      i. https://engage.act.org/ereg/pr/83/1/register/MWQ-642-503
3. Attach a ONE-page single-spaced personal essay OR record a TWO-minute video explaining:
   a. Your reasons for applying.
   b. How the aid will assist you in successfully completing your college degree.

To be awarded:
- Be enrolled and attend classes at NDSU for SPRIN 19. If classes are dropped the grant will be resended.
- Have an unmet financial need as determined by SSS and the NDSU Financial Aid office.
- 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.

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 2018 SSS Grant Aid application and all accompanying documents must be completed and submitted by Dec 14, 2018. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Deadline for Submission: Dec 14, 2018
Complete application must be submitted to:
Student Support Services
Office of TRIO Programs
Ceres Hall 338
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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 Dec 14, 2018.
 SSS Grant Aid recipients will be notified no later than Jan. 2019 via NDSU email.
 Disbursement of SSS Grant Aid will vary based on fulltime enrollment at time of review.

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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