

Success at Southern/TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program 2020-2021

What is Success at Southern?

Since 1994, Success at Southern/TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program has committed to increase the college retention, academic standing and graduation rates of eligible participants. By providing a variety of services to meet students' needs, we assist eligible participants in clarifying their goals, succeeding academically in their chosen program of study, and graduating with a bachelor's degree in a timely manner.

Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS program is funded through a federal grant and is limited to 190 participants per academic year. During these years, Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS program has served more than 1,500 students, most of them first generation and low-income students.

Who is eligible to participate?

To be eligible, students **must meet ALL** of the following requirements:

- a) Is a citizen or national of the United States or meets the residency requirements for Federal Student Financial Assistance (grants, work-study and or loans - determined by FAFSA form).
- b) Is enrolled at Southern Oregon University.
- c) Has a need for academic support in order to pursue successfully a postsecondary educational program. (This criteria is broadly defined, and may include but not limited to low GPA, low entrance or placement test scores, a need for assistance in completing college level math course, and/or being a transfer student or nontraditional student, among others).

AND students must meet **at least ONE** of these criteria:

- First generation college student (the parents or person that raised you does not have a bachelor's degree);
- Meet the low-income eligibility criteria (listed in the back of this page) or
- Have a documented disability.

What services are offered by Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS?

Available Online while campus restrictions related to COVID-19 are in place:

- Academic Advising
- Academic Tutoring
- Personal Education Plans
- Career Guidance
- Financial Aid Wellness Activities
- Financial Literacy
- FREE One Credit - Student Development Classes
- Staff Support committed to your Success

Not available while campus restrictions related to COVID-19 are in place:

- TRIO-SSS Only Study/Lounge Area
- Computer Access and FREE printing
- Cultural Enrichment Activities

How much does it cost?

All of the services provided through the program are **FREE!**

What is required of you?

TRIO-SSS students must be enrolled at all times at SOU. Active participation in the program is required in order to continue being considered active in the program. If not enrolled and/or not actively participate in the program, the student may be inactivated. Meeting (online during COVID-19) with your academic advisor for a minimum of two times per term. Get enrolled at least in one Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Class (1 FREE credit class) per academic year. All students will be asked to sign an agreement to participate in the recommended services designed to help you achieve your goals.

Federal TRIO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels

(Effective January 15, 2020 until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$19,140	\$23,925	\$22,020
2	\$25,860	\$32,325	\$29,745
3	\$32,580	\$40,725	\$37,470
4	\$39,300	\$49,125	\$45,195
5	\$46,020	\$57,525	\$52,920
6	\$52,740	\$65,925	\$60,645
7	\$59,460	\$74,325	\$68,370
8	\$66,180	\$82,725	\$76,095

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,720 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$8,400 for Alaska; and \$7,725 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The 2020 poverty guidelines are in effect as of January 15, 2020. Federal Register notice was published January 17, 2020

Retrieved from <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>

Success at Southern/ TRIO SSS program is dedicated to providing a holistic environment that honors the diversity and experiences of all students.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO APPLY EARLY

Success at Southern/TRIO Student Support Services Entrance Process

1. **Fill out and submit a Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS application.**
2. **After you submit a completed application** to the Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS, **your application will be reviewed and if you are eligible you will be invited to attend an interview.** At this interview you will have an opportunity to discuss your educational goals, your career ambitions, and any academic barriers you have that will prevent your success.
3. **Once you have been accepted into the program you will be invited to complete a mandatory orientation session** that will review the objectives of the program and your participation in it. At the orientation you will be participating in an assessment that establishes your learning style and career choices.
4. **Attend your First Personal Education Plan Meeting.** During the meeting you will complete your academic plan and career goals. You and your TRIO-SSS advisor will develop goals and outline program recommendations that will enable you to become an ACTIVE and SUCCESSFUL participant. We will also review your assessment results from orientation and make recommendations to help you with study and class skills. We will also discuss any personal needs or concerns that you have.

After you have completed all these steps you will be eligible to access the Success at Southern/TRIO- SSS tutoring center, cultural experiences, FREE classes, workshops, among other exclusive activities for TRIO-SSS participants.

Application FAQ's

- ✓ **I have submitted my application what happens now?**
We cannot process your application for services until you are admitted to SOU and have registered for classes. If you are a new student, you should attend one of the Raider Registration events to register for classes. If you have not yet registered for Raider Registration you can do so by going to: <https://sou.edu/admissions/enroll/raider-registration/> when we have confirmed your registration we will process your application to confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements and have an academic need that requires services.
- ✓ **When will I know if I got accepted into the program?**
We process applications starting in August for the following academic year. We will contact you via your SOU email with next steps. If you meet the eligibility and academic need requirements of the program we will invite you for an informal interview. After this interview you will hear within FIVE working days if you have been accepted into the program.
- ✓ **What if I decide I don't want to be part of Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS?**
The interview process is a great time to express your concerns, ask questions, and learn about the program. If at that time, or in the future, you decide that TRIO-SSS is not something you want to pursue just let us know. If in the future, you feel you would like to be a part of TRIO-SSS you can always apply again!
- ✓ **I applied but have not heard from Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS**
We will contact you via your SOU email, please check your SOU email and make sure your filter is set to accept our emails. If you have checked your email and not heard from us by Mid-August 2020 (or within seven working days during term time) you should contact us via phone at (541) 552-6062 to confirm we received your application.
- ✓ **What if I am not accepted?**
If you are not accepted into the program, we will advise you of other options where you can seek similar help through other SOU departments.

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