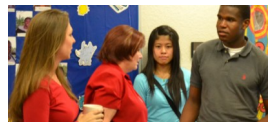




Student Support Services Program



The Student Support Services Program (SSSP) at Edison State College (ESC) is grant funded through the U.S. Dept. of ED to provide opportunities to 200 students annually to assist students with academic development and to provide knowledge of basic college requirements, and to motivate students to complete postsecondary education. The goal of the SSSP is to increase the retention and graduation rates of participants and to assist them in the transition from one level of higher education to the next.



Program Eligibility



Eligible students are selected to participate in the program based on proof of low-income and first generation status as well as having an academic need identified. A variety of program services (listed below) are provided to assist each participant in reaching his/her postsecondary education goal. The Edison State College SSSP provides financial incentives in the form of grant aid, SSSP scholarships, tuition fee exemptions, and textbook loans to eligible participants. All services and activities are provided at no cost to participants.

2013-2014 Low-income Federal Guidelines: (Based on the family's combined taxable income)

1 person, taxable income to \$17,235
2 people, taxable income to \$23,265
3 people, taxable income to \$29,295
4 people, taxable income to \$35,325

5 people, taxable income to \$41,355
6 people, taxable income to \$47,385
7 people, taxable income to \$53,415
8 people, taxable income to \$59,445

The best services provided by the SSSP are a place to call home, people who care, and a smile when you come in our door!

Services Provided to SSS Participants

The Student Support Services Program offers many services to assist students in reaching their educational goals. These services include:

- ▶ PSE Course Selection Assistance
- ▶ Educational/Personal Support
- ▶ Counseling /Referrals
- ▶ Professional Math/Science Tutoring
- ▶ Peer Tutorial Referral
- ▶ Computer Lab for TRiO use only
- ▶ Resource Center
- ▶ Transfer Planning
- ▶ Career Exploration
- ▶ Cultural Activities
- ▶ Financial Literacy
- ▶ Peer Mentoring Program
- ▶ Financial Incentives including scholarships, tuition exemptions, and a textbook/calculator/digital recorder loan program



All SSS participants are expected to “actively participate” in program activities to remain eligible for services and incentives. This expectation is based on the recognition that the services provided through the SSSP are limited to selected students and funding is available to support 200 participants annually. As a result, all students accepted into the program are required to participate in check-ins, advising, counseling, tutoring, workshops, and other activities identified as necessary for student success.

Interested in the Student Support Services Program?

If you can answer “Yes” to the following questions, you MAY qualify for this program.

1. Are you a newly admitted ESC First Time in College student having earned no college level credit previously? (excludes college credit earned prior to receiving high school standard diploma)
2. After completion of your AA/AS at ESC, do you plan to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree?
3. Are you a U. S. Citizen, national or permanent resident, eligible to file for federal financial aid?
4. Do you have a need for academic support services?
5. To be eligible for SSSP enrollment, ONE of the following categories (a, b, or c) must apply:

A. Are you considered low income according to the federal guidelines listed on the inside of this brochure?

OR

B. Are you a first-generation in college student? (the parent(s) or legal guardian (s) who raised you and/or contributed to your support did not earn a Bachelor’s Degree from a college or University)

OR

C. Do you have a documented disability on file in the ESC Office of Adaptive Services?

If you answered “YES” to some of these questions then follow the instructions on the back to be considered for the program!

Mission

Student Support Services will help promote the academic success of low-income, first-generation, and/or disabled students by providing support in academic skills, counseling, and tutoring. We seek to maximize student performance while creating strong and independent learners. Student Support Services implements its belief that all students can be successful given the proper assistance, and to define, recognize, and respect each student’s individual abilities.

The Student Support Services Program (SSSP) at Edison State College is currently funded 100% through the U. S. Department of Education in the amount of \$269,861 annually and is offered to selected eligible students at no cost to participant. The SSSP provides services to qualified participants designed to enhance their college experience and assist them in completing an Associate’s Degree and transferring into a Bachelor’s Degree program. Eligibility for the Program is based on documented criteria, which includes certification of low-income/first generation/disability, and citizenship status.

Edison State College is an Equal Access, Equal Opportunity institution. Programs, activities, and facilities of the College are available to all on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, and national origin. Questions pertaining to educational equity, equal opportunity or equal access should be addressed to the Associate Vice President of Human Resources, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Please stop by our office on the second floor of Taeni Hall S-258 to sign up for our recruitment presentation.

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“Take my hand and walk with me until you can go alone.” -Joyce Sequichie Hifler

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