

## Spring Grant Aid Application and Guidelines

### All Materials Due to Ceres 338 by Dec. 6, 2024

**Only signed, paper applications will be accepted.**

**Online and late applications will not be considered.**

**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). Award notification will go out on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Eligibility Requirements for SSS Grant Aid:**

- Be a current and active SSS participant ('active' defined as 'using SSS services').
- Receive a Federal Pell Grant in the 2024-25 academic year.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Students earning D's or F's as a final grade for Fall 2024 classes need to meet with SSS Project Director Scott Norenberg to avoid denial of Grant Aid.
- Be enrolled and attending classes at NDSU for Spring 2025.
- Complete two financial literacy courses found at: <https://smartwithmymoney.nd.gov/courses> and save/screen shot certificate earned at completion.

#### **Application Materials:**

- A complete 2024/25 Grant Aid Cover Sheet (page 2 of this document).
- Proof of completion of financial literacy courses (print-outs/ photos of certificates)
- Attach a 1-2 paragraph essay that addresses:
  - a. How TRIO SSS has helped you in succeeding at NDSU.
  - b. How the aid will assist you in successfully completing your college degree.

#### **Awarding Requirements/Information:**

- Student must have an unmet financial need as determined by SSS. Students with greater need are given priority.
- Students must be in their first 2 years of postsecondary education.
- **NDSU's Tuition Award Program may have a drastic impact on the ability of SSS to provide awards to grant aid-eligible students.**

**Due to limited funds available, not all applicants are guaranteed SSS Grant Aid.**

## 2024-2025 Grant Aid Application Cover Sheet

**Submission Deadline: Dec. 6, 2024****Completed applications must be submitted to:  
Student Support Services Office's Front Desk  
TRIO Programs Ceres Hall 338****Applicant Information:**

NDSU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in college (circle one): 1<sup>st</sup> year   2<sup>nd</sup> year   3<sup>rd</sup> year   4+ years

Classification (circle one): Freshman   Sophomore   Junior   Senior

Do you currently have an academic or financial aid alert (circle one)? Yes   No

Do you receive a Federal Pell Grant (circle one)? Yes   No

Do you receive a Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount (circle one)? Yes   No

Do not forget to attach:

- a **1-2 paragraph single-spaced essay** describing how SSS has helped you and how the SSS Grant Aid will assist you in successfully completing your college degree.
- Copies/ print-outs of your completed financial literacy courses

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- **Review your application to ensure completeness, including the personal essay and proof of financial literacy coursework.**
  - **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
  - **SSS Grant Aid award notification will be sent on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 via NDSU email.**
  - **SSS Grant Aid will be disbursed with Spring Financial Aid.**
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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. I also understand that if I earn a D or F in Fall semester, I must meet in-person with the SSS Director to discuss additional Grant Aid requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_