

# Student Success Programs

## Eligibility

As a federally-funded program, SSP targets participants who fit a specific demographic profile:

**First-Generation Student.** Neither of your parents have a bachelor's degree.

**Low-Income.** If you receive a Pell Grant, you MAY qualify in this category.

**A Student with a disability.** You must be registered with Disability Resources for Students.

Applications can be downloaded at [memphis.edu/ssp](http://memphis.edu/ssp). You can also stop by our office in 407 W. Hall, room #100 to pick up an application. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible due to the limited program slots available each year.

## A Record of Success

**Retention.** SSP participants are more likely (87%) to persist in school from one academic year to the next when compared with peer U of M students.

**Good Standing.** Through a well-structured academic monitoring plan, participants in SSP are more likely not to fall victim to being placed on academic warning or probation when compared with peers.

**Graduation.** SSP participants are more likely to graduate from U of M when compared with peers. Additionally, these students will graduate with less burdensome student loan debt as a result of interventions which include a financial literacy component.

**Supportive Environment.** SSP participants can expect encouragement and support from a caring, friendly and knowledgeable professional staff.

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# Mission

Our mission is to increase retention and graduation rates of University of Memphis students who are first generation, low-income, and/or have a documented disability. We work to foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of a diverse group of students who have an academic need by providing educational opportunities, giving attention to individual needs, and emphasizing academic excellence.



# Goals

- Maintain a program enrollment of 320 students each project year (200 TRIO Classic/120 TRIO STEM).
- Build a supportive, welcoming environment with a sense of community
- Encourage participant involvement and engagement in U of M organizations, activities and mentor relationships.
- Provide an intrusive, structured program to set participants up for success and prevent early participant discouragement and failure.
- Cultivate services that promote academic, personal, career and social development.
- Provide financial incentives to help participants work less hours, live on campus and stay enrolled and successful in school.
- Forge key relationships and develop partnerships to support SSP mission.

# Services

**Counseling.** Provide academic, financial aid and career counseling in exploring interests, aptitudes and skills to make informed decisions when selecting majors or career paths.

**Walk-In Lab.** A state-of-the-art computer lab is available exclusively for participant use.

**Financial Assistance.** Assist participants in securing adequate financial aid packages with an emphasis on minimal reliance on burdensome student loans.

**Themed Workshops.** Participants have an opportunity to learn about graduate schools, hone time management skills, enhance critical thinking skills, network with employers, maximize use of cutting edge technology, etc.

**Cultural Activities.** We offer access to [FREE](#) cultural activities and social events throughout the year to enhance cultural/educational and social awareness. These activities are designed to bring students, family, SSP staff and the general campus community together informally.

**Academic Monitor.** Participants can expect intrusive monitoring of academic performance with the overall goal of graduation from the University of Memphis within six years.

**Graduate/professional school referrals.** Participants are eligible to receive high quality and credible recommendations for applications to graduate and professional schools.

**Grant Aid.** Participants who are in their first two years of college may be eligible for financial aid assistance beyond the Pell Grant. Special conditions apply.