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**TRIO SSS Federal Grant Aid Award Application**

The SSS Federal Student Grant Aid Award is provided by the US Department of Education to support the educational pursuits of SSS participants at Western Kentucky University. Grant amounts are dependent upon need. Federal Grant Aid Awards do not affect any other grant amounts. The guidelines governing this federal grant aid award are:

**Qualifications**:

* **Complete and attach essay response** (prompt below)
* Student must be a **PELL GRANT** recipient.
* Student must have earned a semester GPA of 2.0 or better at the end of the previous semester. First time Freshmen must be in good standing as of 5th week assessment. If they are not, they must present evidence of academic good standing at the time of scholarship submission.
* Student must be an active participant in TRIO SSS before being considered eligible for this grant aid award. To be considered active, the student must have already met with their SSS coordinator during the current school semester.
* **Priority** will be given to **1st and 2nd year students**, but anyone can apply. TRIO participants can only receive this award a maximum of 2 times during their academic career.
* Federal Grant Aid will be awarded first to those students with the greatest unmet financial need.
* **Complete Applicant** **Information Below**:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WKU ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Local Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently on Academic Probation? Yes No

**ESSAY PROMPT:** Please attach a 250-word essay that answers the following: 1) What have been your trials and triumphs as a WKU student; 2) How has TRIO SSS benefitted your college experience; 3) How will this grant aid impact you?

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| Signature: Date: |

**\*\*\*Return the application to Benjamin Robertson in person or via email (benjamin.robertson@wku.edu) no later than FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.**

**\*\*\*\*This scholarship will be awarded by SSS before December 1, 2025.**

**Office Use Only (Students Leave Blank):**

Total Number of College Credits Completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Status: Part-Time (3-11 hours) Full-Time (12+ hours)

Current GPA after fall semester: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Receives a Federal Pell Grant? Yes No