

# How to Apply for Services

Call 814-863-9442 to schedule an appointment with the program director and fill out an application. Enrollment is based on available slots, and eligibility is verified by Penn State records. Please stop by 312 Grange Building to meet the SSSP staff.

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## Student Support Services Program

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“Creating Opportunities for Success”

## Quick Facts



## *What is SSSP?*

SSSP is a retention project funded by the U.S. Department of Education to serve 180 eligible Penn State students each academic year at the University Park campus. SSSP serves program participants from their freshman year through to graduation.

## *What does SSSP do?*

SSSP works to increase the retention and graduation rate of program participants while positively fostering an institutional climate supportive of the success of our students.

SSSP provides academic support services to full-time Penn State students who meet at least one of the following categories:

First-generation students

Low-income students

*and/or*

Students with documented disabilities

*as well as*

An academic need and the commitment to succeed

SSSP provides services in the following areas:

- ◆ Academic            Financial
- ◆ Career              Personal

## *SSSP Accomplishments*

### **Quick Facts for 2007–08**

Enrollment: 180

Graduation Rate: 98%

Retention Rate: 96%

Good Academic Standing: 95.7%

Average Cumulative GPA: 2.75

## *Sample Program Activities*

- ◆ One-Day Conference  
“Fall Academic Leadership Conference”
- ◆ Women’s Career Connection Luncheon
- ◆ Men’s Career Connection Luncheon
- ◆ One-on-One Career Planning
- ◆ Fall Cultural Trip
- ◆ Study Skills and How to Handle Multiple Responsibilities
- ◆ Preparation for Finals Workshop
- ◆ E-Portfolio Workshop
- ◆ Financial Aid Workshop
- ◆ Budget and Debt Management Workshop