The Student Support Services Program at Grand Rapids Community College is jointly funded by the United States Department of Education and the College. For the 2009-2010 funding year, the Department of Education’s contribution is $408,964 or 80% of the Program’s total funding. The College contributes $289,000 or 20%.

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Overview
The Trio SSS program is a federally funded program that provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The SSS program may also provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

Eligibility
To receive assistance, students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at Grand Rapids Community College in a degree-seeking transfer program. Low-income students who are first-generation (neither parent graduated from a 4-year college/university) and are in need of academic support are eligible to participate in the SSS program.

Services Provided by the Program Include
- Leadership Opportunities
- Academic advising
- Financial aid counseling
- Tutorial referrals
- Assistance with personal concerns
- Assistance in applying for admission at 4-year institutions
- Assistance in applying for financial aid at 4-year institutions
- Information about career paths/opportunities
- Peer mentoring
- Special services for students with limited English proficiency
- Direct financial assistance (grant aid) to SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants

Purpose
The goal of the TRiO/Student Support Services (SSS) Program is to increase the retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the transfer process to 4-year institutions.