

TRIO Student Support Services

The Student Support Services Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is designed to provide supportive services to first generation, low-income and/or disabled participants in order to enhance their skills and increase their retention and graduation rates, and, as appropriate, to facilitate their entrance into graduate and professional programs. Through the Student Support Services Program, assistance is provided in the academic and personal development of qualified students. The Student Support Services Program offers to participants a variety of services designed specifically for them, including individual tutoring, individual and group counseling and financial aid assistance. Services also include academic tutoring in most classroom subjects; advising; workshops on time management, financial aid, career choices, preparing research papers, building self-esteem, career development groups which explore decision making, interpersonal relationship skills, employability skills, interest inventories, and employment opportunities; study skills sessions covering note-taking, test-taking, time management, listening skills, and reading skills, cultural enrichment, trips to four year institutions, and supplemental grant aid. The needs of each student are assessed, and those services needed by the individual student are provided.

Students applying for the Student Support Services Program must be United States citizens, must show academic potential, and must meet one or more of the following requirements:

- meet certain financial requirements as established by the United States Department of Education;
- show an academic need; and/or
- have a disability

For more information, go to www.CoastalAlabama.edu or call 1-800-381-3722. Coastal Alabama has multiple Student Support Services on various campuses, so students should specify which campus they will be taking courses when requesting information. The goal of the program is to increase retention, graduation, and transfer rates of eligible students through offering a range of academic support services.