

- A. Eligibility for Grant Aid Scholarship: Students that are considered global citizens of Gateway's TAG- TRiO Achievers Group SSS program may be eligible for the Grant Aid Scholarship. Students may be awarded the Grant Aid Scholarship for up to a maximum of 3 years while enrolled in TAG. This scholarship is separate from Financial Aid that is received from completion of the FAFSA, however it is considered as a resource when calculating the entire Federal Financial Aid award. This scholarship is used to assist the student with expenses that may be hindering him or her from attending class or completing their program of study. Please note that other funding sources (Federal FA, DVR funding, etc.) may be reduced because of the receipt of TRiO Grant Aid.

Students may be eligible for the Grant Aid Scholarship if they:

- Are enrolled in courses for FA2016 and SP2017 semesters
- Have a minimum Total (Cumulative) GPA of 2.0
- Are enrolled in an Associate's Degree or Technical Diploma program
- Are receiving a Federal Pell Grant
- Have "unmet need" \$1000.00 per year as determined by Gateway's Financial Aid office
- Complete the Grant Aid Scholarship Application and Essay
- Meet the participation requirements outlined in section B of this document

Participation in the following activities does not guarantee receipt of the scholarship but assists in determining who may be eligible.

- B. Participation Requirements: As defined by the Gateway TRiO SSS program, students must demonstrate an adequate level of participation in the TRiO SSS program in order to be eligible to receive the Grant Aid Scholarship.

The following requirements must be met in order for a student to be eligible to apply for the Grant Aid Scholarship:

- Students must have completed TAG intake process (LASSI assessment)
- Students must attend at least 1 Student Success Workshop in Fall 2016
- Students must complete at least 2 Lessons from Gateway's approved Financial Literacy course - SALT
- Students must have a FA2016 Student Success Plan on file with their TAG Specialist
- Students must be registered for Spring 2017

Please note: students who participate in the following events receive a higher Grant Award Rank:

- A minimum of 3 meaningful contacts (TAG, Student Success Planning, 1:1 support) with your assigned TAG Specialist
- Gateway Student Events (additional workshops, seminars, conferences, student life events)
 - There is no minimum number for attendance, but the Grant Aid Scholarship is awarded based on the following formula:

Cumulative GPA X Total # of Gateway Events. = Grant Award Rank

For Example:

Student A has a 2.5 GPA and has participated in 10 events:

$2.5 \times 10 = 25$ This is Student A's Grant Award Rank.
Student B has a GPA of 3.0 and has participated in 5 events:
 $3.0 \times 5 = 15$ This is Student B's Grant Award Rank.

Student A, despite having a lower GPA will be awarded the Grant Aid Scholarship before Student B, because of the number of Student Success Events they have participated in over the course of the semester. Participation counts!

- Students will be ranked according to this formula and the top 15 will be awarded the Grant Aid Scholarship.
- If 15 qualifying Grant Aid Scholarship Applicants aren't received, a Summer Application Cycle will be opened at the beginning of the Spring Semester. Details on dates and deadlines will be announced if this process is necessary.

- C. Award Amounts: A total of \$15,000 of grant aid is available this year. Gateway TAG will award 15 Grant Aid Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each per grant year (Grant Year: September 1st to August 31st).
- D. Application Process: The Grant Aid Scholarship process begins in September of every year. Students that meet the eligibility requirements listed in Section A of this document and work to meet the Participation Requirements listed in Section B may apply for the Grant Aid Scholarship. The timeline for application is as follows:
- September 6th – November 22nd – Students will meet with their TAG specialist, attend College Success Events and complete all other requirements for application for the Grant Aid Scholarship.
 - November 28th – December 12th: Submit completed applications to your TAG specialist. No applications will be accepted after December 12th at 4:00pm
 - December 13th – 23rd: TAG Grant Aid Scholarship Committee will review all applications and based on the Grant Award Rank, they will determine which 15 applicants will be awarded the Grant Aid Scholarship. Letters of award or denial will be mailed to all Grant Aid Scholarship Applicants.
 - All decisions to award the Grant Aid Scholarship will be made no later than December 23rd. The financial aid office will then be notified of the 15 students who will be receiving TAG Grants. Funds will be disbursed to student accounts at that time and may be available on the Gateway Plus Card by the end of February.

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