



Project Self-Sufficiency Scholar Expectations Agreement

Project Self-Sufficiency (PSS) is a nonprofit organization and must maintain specific standards to equitably serve all clients.

As a PSS client, I:

- A. Agree to answer all questions truthfully and understand I will lose program eligibility if I am dishonest.
- B. Agree to meet the following requirements each semester:
 1. Attend 2 Individual Action Plan (IAP) appointments per year to discuss educational goals and progress and to assess needs.
 2. Attend all PSS events unless I have an unavoidable work/class conflict.
 3. Complete 4 hours of community service per semester.
- C. Agree to submit the following documents annually:
 1. Unofficial transcripts
 2. Income verification
 3. Childcare subsidy information (if applicable)
 4. Release of Information
 5. PSS Scholar Expectations Agreement
- D. Understand that it is my responsibility to review program eligibility criteria and notify PSS of any changes in my life that may impact my standing in the program. In order to continue in the PSS program, clients agree to meet the following requirements:
 1. Very low or extremely low income according to HUD limits for Orange County.
 2. Single parent of a minor child.
 3. Not living with a romantic partner, significant other, or parent of the child, even if separated/divorced.
 4. Have at least 50% physical/legal custody of at least one minor child
 5. Enrolled in college working toward an Associate's or Bachelor's degree.
 6. Meet the minimum enrollment requirements:
 - Not employed, or working under 10 hours per week: 12 semester units (or equivalent)
 - Employed 10-20 hours per week: 9 semester units (or equivalent)
 - Employed 21 or more hours per week: 6 semester units (or equivalent)
 - *Exceptions: Applicants may submit documentation (i.e. disability, about to transfer, etc) that explains why they may be enrolled below minimum enrollment requirements.*
 7. Have 3.0 GPA (most recent semester or cumulative).
 8. Have a source of income (not necessarily employment)
 9. Live, work, or attend college in Orange County, CA



- E. Acknowledge that GPA and enrollment requirements must be met in order to remain in the program in good standing. If enrollment or GPA falls beneath the minimum requirements without an approved justification, the subsequent semester will be considered a probationary period. Two consecutive semesters of noncompliance will result in termination from the program.
- F. Understand that participation in PSS is not intended to last more than a maximum of 5 years. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Upon graduation, I may remain in PSS for an additional 6 months. If I have an extension granted or am in the last 6-month transition period, I may not be eligible for all services.
- G. Understand that PSS is a supplemental program and is not intended as a primary resource. Services are not guaranteed and are based on available funding. PSS will provide services and financial assistance as outlined in PSS Program Services as funding allows.