Office of Scholarships and Financial Assistance
At Northwest Missouri State University, we know that the importance of a quality education in today's world is a major investment. We are committed to providing a high quality education at a competitively affordable cost.

By the Numbers
- More than 90% of our first-time students receive some form of financial aid, including scholarships, grants and loans.
- The average cost of attendance at Northwest for tuition, room and board is $15,958 for Missouri residents and $21,660 for nonresidents.
- Our textbook and laptop rental program saves you money - an average of $1,200 per year on textbooks alone

Academic Resources
Student Support Services is just one of the many programs on campus that strives to meet the academic needs of students. Visit the following links for more information on academic support programs for students.

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Services
Academic Advisement
SSS employs a full-time Learning Services Coordinator who is available to assist student members with academic concerns. Topics commonly addressed include: time management, test-taking, study skills, self-discipline, etc. The Learning Services Coordinator is available for individual meetings and/or small group settings. Referrals will be made to the Talent Development Center, Writing Center and Math Lab for students needing course-specific assistance.

Financial Aid Advisement
The SSS Student Development Specialist will assist student members with understanding various types of financial assistance that are available and how to apply for aid. Scholarship search information is also available on an individual basis. Financing a college education can be quite stressful and confusing---our assistance in this area is available at any time.

Exclusive Scholarship Opportunities
The SSS program has many scholarship and fee waiver opportunities available for its active participants. Drawings for fee waivers happen at several select SSS events. Applications for need based, participation based, and/or academic scholarships are available annually. Our
two main scholarship programs are the Grant Aid Scholarship and the Saville Student Support Services Scholarship. On average, one out of every four SSS members receives a scholarship from one of these two programs, which annually awards over $40,000 in scholarships.

**Career Advisement**
Through the use of the Type Focus Assessment and other instruments, SSS students can explore possible career interests quickly and conveniently. SSS works closely with the Office of Career Services in order to be able to address career-related needs. For students preparing to enter the labor force, SSS provides resume review sessions, interviewing preparation opportunities, and information related to internships and summer employment.

**Personal Development**
Personal development opportunities are also available through SSS. Gallups's Clifton Strengths Finder StrengthsQuest assessment is completed by all incoming SSS participants with the results designed to give students the opportunity to develop strengths by building on their greatest talents to achieve academic, career, and personal success. SSS also stresses leadership development. Each year SSS offers a leadership training workshop for its student members. As a result of these opportunities, it is anticipated you will learn more about your personal skills and interests, as well as improving your decision-making and problem solving skills.

**Peer Mentoring**
SSS members are paired with an SSS Peer Mentor. Peer Mentors are Northwest students who have an intricate knowledge of what it takes to be academically successful during college. Peer mentors will meet with you to discuss any concerns/questions you may have.

**Resource Materials**
SSS has its own resource library and it is reserved exclusively for program participants. Sample tests, study guides, videotapes, and a variety of additional learning aids are available for check-out. SSS students can also print/copy class-related material free of charge through the SSS office.

**Cultural/Social Involvement**
The SSS Program will plan and hold various cultural and social activities throughout the academic year. Tickets will be purchased by SSS for selected ENCORE events held at the university and a spring trip to a Kansas City Dinner Theater will be planned. Other social activities are held throughout the academic year. All of these activities are designed to allow members the opportunity to experience and appreciate social and cultural opportunities available at the university and in our geographic area.

**Student Services**
At Northwest Online, we hope to offer the student a complete learning experience. We strive to bring to each of our students all of the services we offer, whether they are online or on-campus. For different aspects of Student Services, please click one of the links in the Student Services drop down menu.

**Student ID Request**
If you are a student who will NOT be coming to the Northwest campus, and therefore will not be obtaining your Student ID from campus services, you may request that one be sent to you. To request a student ID, click on the link below and submit the form.

- Request a Student ID
Northwest students are encouraged to use their University-assigned e-mail accounts for University correspondence. The e-mail policy states that all University offices, staff and faculty should use only University-assigned e-mail addresses to encourage student responsibility for the information sent to them. This information could include scholarship/financial assistance information, notices from Cashering and Registrar as well as campus-wide e-mails. Login here to access your web-based e-mail account.