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(b) *Project director.* (1) A grantee shall employ a full-time project director unless paragraph (b)(3) of this section applies.

(2) The grantee shall give the project director sufficient authority to administer the project effectively.

(3) The Secretary waives the requirement in paragraph (b)(1) of this section if the applicant demonstrates that the requirement will hinder coordination—

(i) Among the Federal TRIO Programs; or

(ii) Between the programs funded under sections 402A through 410 of the HEA and similar programs funded through other sources.

(c) *Recordkeeping.* For each participant, a grantee shall maintain a record of—

(1) The basis for the grantee's determination that the participant is eligible to participate in the project under §645.3;

(2) The basis for the grantee's determination that the participant has a need for academic support in order to pursue successfully a program of education beyond secondary school;

(3) The services that are provided to the participant;

(4) The educational progress of the participant during high school and, to the degree possible, during the participant's pursuit of a postsecondary education program.

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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 646.1 What is the Student Support Services Program?**

The Student Support Services Program provides grants for projects designed to—

(a) Increase the retention and graduation rates of eligible students;

(b) Increase the transfer rate of eligible students from two-year to four-year institutions; and

(c) Foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first generation college students and individuals with disabilities through services such as those described in §646.4.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-14)

**§ 646.2 Who is eligible to receive a grant?**

An institution of higher education or a combination of institutions of higher education is eligible to receive a grant to carry out a Student Support Services project.

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**§ 646.3 Who is eligible to participate in a Student Support Services project?**

A student is eligible to participate in a Student Support Services project if

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the student meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) Is a citizen or national of the United States or meets the residency requirements for Federal student financial assistance.
- (b) Is enrolled at the grantee institution or accepted for enrollment in the next academic term at that institution.
- (c) Has a need for academic support, as determined by the grantee, in order to pursue successfully a postsecondary educational program.
- (d) Is—
  - (1) A low-income individual;
  - (2) A first generation college student;
 or
  - (3) An individual with disabilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-14)

**§ 646.4 What activities and services may a project provide?**

A Student Support Services project may provide services such as:

- (a) Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, and other subjects necessary for success beyond secondary school.
- (b) Personal counseling.
- (c) Academic advice and assistance in course selection.
- (d) Tutorial services and counseling and peer counseling.
- (e) Exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to disadvantaged students.
- (f) Activities designed to acquaint students participating in the project with the range of career options available.
- (g) Activities designed to secure admission and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate and professional programs.
- (h) Activities designed to assist students currently enrolled in two-year institutions in securing admission and financial assistance for enrollment in a four-year program of postsecondary education.
- (i) Mentoring programs involving faculty or upper class students, or any combination of faculty members and upper class students.
- (j) Programs and activities as described in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this section that are specifically de-

signed for students of limited English proficiency.

(k) Other activities designed to meet the purposes of the Student Support Services Program stated in § 646.1.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-14)

**§ 646.5 How long is a project period?**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a project period under the Student Support Services Program is four years.

(b) The Secretary approves a project period of five years for applicants that score in the highest ten percent of all applicants approved for new grants under the criteria in § 646.21.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

**§ 646.6 What regulations apply?**

The following regulations apply to the Student Support Services Program:

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85 and 86.
- (b) The regulations in this part 646.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-14)

**§ 646.7 What definitions apply?**

(a) *Definitions in the Act.* The following terms used in this part are defined in sections 402(A)(g), 481, or 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended:

First generation college student  
Institution of higher education  
Low-income individual

(b) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

Applicant	Fiscal year
Application	Grant
Award	Grant Period
Budget	Grantee
Budget Period	Project
Department	Project period
EDGAR	Public
Equipment	Secretary
Facilities	Supplies

(c) *Other definitions.* The following definitions also apply to this part:

*Academic need* with reference to a student means a student whom the grantee determines needs one or more of the services stated under § 646.4 to succeed