OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will our family have additional expenses for the summer program?

- Each student will be responsible for $1,006 for the summer component for residing on campus, which will include housing, meals and a program fee. These charges will be billed to the student’s account.
- The breakdown of expenses is outlined on the Opportunity Program Schoology page. Payment arrangements may be made with the business office.
- The Opportunity Program is funded in part by the college, as well as by two grants: the Act 101 State Grant and the Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO) Federal Grant. Grant eligibility for the Act 101 or Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO) will merit consideration of a waiver for the three-week pre-college summer housing expense. Students will need to submit additional materials for consideration.

Why was my student selected to be in the Opportunity Program?

Placement in the program is determined by the Admission Office. The applicant's grades, test scores and recommendations are reviewed by the Admission staff.

What is the Opportunity Program?

The Opportunity/Act 101/Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO) Program is an academic support system funded by Saint Vincent College, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through Act 101 and by the U.S. Department of Education through the Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO) Program.

Must my student participate in the three-week summer program?

Yes, participation is required. The program begins on Sunday, July 26, and ends on Friday, Aug. 14. The students will be engaged in class, tutoring and other mandatory activities beginning at noon on Sunday and ending Friday at 5 p.m. Therefore, students are required to participate in activities during the designated time periods. There may be weekend activities scheduled for students remaining on campus. Additional spending money may be necessary for these scheduled activities.
How can my student be considered for grant eligibility?

1. All students must complete and return the enclosed application form.
2. To be considered for grant eligibility, mail, fax or email pages 1 and 2 of the signed 2018 and 2019 Form 1040 Federal Tax Return for yourself and your student. Students and parents may email their information to opportunity@stvincent.edu.
3. Additional information and/or interview may be required, since qualification to enter the program is competitive.

How will the Opportunity Program help my student?

ADVISOR
An Opportunity advisor will be assigned to each Opportunity student. The advisor will meet with first-year students weekly during the first semester and a minimum of three times per semester thereafter.

SESSIONS
During advising sessions, the Opportunity advisor will provide your student with the tools he or she needs to be successful at SVC.

TUTORS
Tutors are available to assist all Opportunity students during the summer program.

What does the summer component entail?
The summer program is a three-week component that includes academic, co-curricular and cultural activities. The students are enrolled in one college-level, credit-bearing course: A three-credit pre-calculus course, Elementary Functions (MA 104), a three-credit, first-year English course, Language and Rhetoric (EL 102) or a three-credit musical theater course, Musical Theater History (AR 165). All Opportunity Program students receive a tuition scholarship for the course (a $3,000 value!). The students live in a residence hall with upperclass mentors who will help them during the three-week program and beyond.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact our office at 724-805-2255 or by email at opportunity@stvincent.edu.