

**STEP UP SUNCOAST, INC.**  
**FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM**  
*A Strength Based Program to Support Educational Success*  
*Available in Manatee, Hardee, and DeSoto Counties*

Family Self-Sufficiency Program...a program to assist individuals who are committed to attaining economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families through work and full-time educational involvement. **This program is for low-income students focused on furthering their education through approved certificates or degrees.**  
**We assist with rent, utilities, childcare and some educational expenses.**

A Family Development Specialist will provide coaching and support to:

- ✓ **A**ssist with, or facilitate connections to resources such as:  
     Housing          Transportation          Financial Literacy          Personal and Career Coaching  
     Childcare        Utility Assistance      Resume Writing          Interviewing Skills and Techniques
- ✓ **A**ssistance with developing plans to reach personal and career-related goals.
- ✓ **P**rovide ongoing coaching and support as individuals advance through their educational program.
- ✓ **P**rovide economic assistance where appropriate.

**IS IT FOR ME?**

Individuals who are selected for this program will:

- ✓ Enrolled in an approved curriculum in an approved technical School, college or university.
- ✓ Have demonstrated a commitment to attain self-sufficiency through employment and a full time educational pursuit and **fall within these family income guidelines as of Nov. 30, 2023**  
Updated for poverty level change 6/2020 per CARES ACT/CSBG new guidelines. (200%)

Number of People in the Household	Total Family Income No Greater Than
1	\$29,160
2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560
7	\$90,840
8	\$101,120
Add this amount for each additional person	\$10,280

- ✓ Have completed schooling through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade or higher or obtained a state approved GED.
- ✓ Reside in Manatee Hardee or DeSoto County.
- ✓ Be employed 16 hours per week **or** be participating in mandatory educational clinicals.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

- ✓ Complete the attached Interest Survey and return to the address given.
- ✓ An FSS representative will contact you to review program criteria.
- ✓ A formal application will be given out to all interested parties to determine eligibility.
- ✓ A gentle interview process will then be conducted for the final participant selection

**WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I AM ACCEPTED?**

- ✓ Ongoing scheduled appointments to review needs and help you maintain stability while in school.
- ✓ Positive support through coaching, guidance and joint problem solving.
- ✓ Financial Literacy, Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills as needed.
- ✓ Referral to other community agencies when appropriate.
- ✓ Appropriate economic support.