Q. What is ASPIRE?
   A. Student Support Services, (SSS) ASPIRE is a federally funded program designed to meet the educational needs of underrepresented students. On the SJSU campus since 1977, we continue to assist students with:
      • class scheduling
      • major/career exploration
      • academic advising
      • financial aid assistance
      • Most importantly, we make sure students feel comfortable and supported in our program

Q. What are the benefits of being in ASPIRE?
   • ASPIRE is a small program that works with a modest cohort of 260 students a year. Our staff is centered on creating a “family-like” community for students and offer to meet with students more time to address the various needs of students. Here is a list of just some of the things we offer:
      • Individual Academic Advising
      • Computer Lab (FREE Printing)
      • Cultural/Special Events (plays,operas, & more)
      • Graduate School Trips
      • Fall/Spring Picnics
      • Informational Workshops
      • Special Graduation Commencement
      • ASPIRE grant (Freshmen & Sophomores)

Q. What is FYE?
   A. FYE is a FREE, four-day orientation on July 17th – 20th with meals and housing provided. PLEASE NOTE: This is not the same as the mandatory SJSU orientation.
   We are accepting 40 freshman students to participate in the FYE program. Students will be involved in a number of activities such as:
      • Navigating the SJSU campus
      • Getting familiar with campus resources and programs
      • Two off-campus social and cultural activities
      • Team building with 39 other incoming Freshmen peers
· Guaranteed GE class area E (EDCO 4)
· Fabulous Flexible Academic Advising

Q. Is FYE orientation different from SJSU orientation?
   A. Yes, FYE is a summer orientation program put on by the ASPIRE program and is not related to SJSU mandatory orientation.

Q. Is there a fee for FYE?
   A. No, if you are invited to FYE there is no cost to attend. All expenses necessary for FYE will be covered by the program.

Q. Do I have to attend all 4 days of FYE?
   A. Yes, all four days are mandatory for the FYE program.

Q. What if I have SJSU orientation during FYE week, can I still attend?
   A. Unfortunately if you have orientation that falls during FYE week you will not be eligible to attend FYE. However, you will still be accepted into the ASPIRE Program if you qualify.

Q. How do I apply?
   A. To apply please download the application from the ASPIRE website http://www.sjsu.edu/aspire/ and MAIL IT or DROP OFF at our office as soon as possible with all supplemental documents (essay, tax information, COPY of unofficial transcript)

Q. What if I can’t attend FYE?
   A. If you are not able to attend FYE, don’t worry, you can still apply to the ASPIRE Program and have access to all the program services year round.

Q. Do I need to attend FYE to be in ASPIRE?
   A. No, you do not need to attend FYE to be in the ASPIRE Program.

Q. Can I be in Edco 4 if I don’t attend FYE?
   A. Yes, you may enroll in Edco 4 with the ASPIRE cohort if you don’t attend FYE. It is not recommend for students in the Business or Engineering Major.

Q. What are the qualifications/eligibility?
A. To be eligible for FYE/ASPIRE Program services, federal guidelines dictate that students must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Low income and/or
- First generation in college (neither parent has a four-year degree from a U.S. granting institution) and/or
- Have a learning or physical disability.
- **EOP participants are not eligible for ASPIRE services**

Q. What are the low income requirements?
A. We look number of household and taxable income levels as determined by the U.S. Department of Education. A summary of current levels can be found:

https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html?exp=0

Q. Can I be in EOP and ASPIRE?
A. No, you cannot be in both in EOP and ASPIRE. This is because both programs serve a similar population, thus students would be receiving many of the same services, which in turn makes services unavailable for students who would be eligible for either program but did not get accepted due to participation capacity.

Q. What is the difference between EOP and ASPIRE?
A. The main difference between EOP and ASPIRE is that EOP is a state funded program and ASPIRE is a federally funded program. EOP serves about 2000 students and are required to apply before attending SJSU. ASPIRE serves around 258 students and is open to current and incoming students who meet eligibility criteria (first-generation, and/or low-income, and/or documented disability).