

Is FSS Right for Me?

- I want to become economically independent
- I want to further my education by earning a GED or college degree
- I want to establish or repair my credit
- I want to find better employment
- I want to start a savings account
- I want to purchase a home
- I want a better future for myself and my family head of household



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If you checked any of the boxes above, FSS may be the program for you.

Get started on your plan for a better future today!

To learn more about and apply for the FSS program call **480-312-2257**, or visit **ScottsdaleAZ.gov**, search 'Family Self-Sufficiency'



Have a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and interested in the FSS program?

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An opportunity for families to invest in their future.



What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a voluntary five-year program designed to assist Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants who wish to become financially independent. It is an opportunity to invest in your future – whether you want to finish school, find a better job or own a home.

Participants will sign a five-year contract and develop a personal plan for becoming self-sufficient. A dedicated FSS Coordinator will provide individualized case management. The FSS Coordinator will work with participants on setting long- term and short-term goals, address barriers to success, and provide referrals to supportive services.



Partnering for Success

FSS participants can work on:

- Education/Self-Improvement
- Job Training and Career Counseling
- Budget/Credit Card Repair
- Home Buyer Education

Your FSS Coordinator can connect participants with supportive services like:

- Resume Writing/Interviewing Skills
- Credit Repair
- Home Ownership Counseling
- Financial Literacy
- Transportation
- Budgeting

Achieving self-sufficiency is hard work, but your FSS Coordinator will be your partner in making it happen!

Escrow Account

By participating in the FSS program, you become eligible for an escrow savings account. The Scottsdale Housing Agency (SHA) establishes an interest-bearing escrow (savings) account for each FSS participant. As you work toward your goals, and your earned income increases, SHA makes contributions to the account.

The amount of escrow credit is based on increases in the family's total tenant payment (TTP) resulting from increases in the family's earned income during the term of the FSS contract.

Example:

Rent after income increase	\$400.00
TTP at contract signing	-\$50.00
Monthly Escrow Deposit:	\$350.00

FSS Program Graduation

You graduate from FSS and receive the escrow funds when you meet all the following:

- Complete your contract goals within 5 years
- Maintain suitable employment
- All members of the household have been off cash assistance for 12 consecutive months prior to the end of your FSS Contract of Participation
- You are in good standing with SHA