

Financial Aid Eligibility

To receive Federal Financial Aid a student must be eligible in both of the following:

- 1) Submit FAFSA and:
 - a. Have financial need (determined by FAFSA) and/or**
 - b. Meet lender requirements for loans****
- 2) Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (checked Spring semester each year OR the end of the semester determined by last appeal, which ever comes first)**

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students must make satisfactory academic progress in order to continue eligibility for federal financial aid. The student must meet ALL of the following:

- 1) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, AND**
- 2) Earn 75% of the credits registered for in the academic year (Fall and Spring), AND**
- 3) Not exceed 150% of the credits required for the degree program the student has declared as their major.**

The Appeals Committee

The Financial Aid Appeals Committee has been charged with evaluating your academic progress and any extenuating circumstances to determine whether or not it is likely you will complete your degree in a timely manner. By approving your appeal they are certifying to the campus, auditors, and the government that:

- 1) In their professional judgment you are likely to complete your degree program in a timely manner
 - a. How are you performing in your required courses?**
 - b. Have you shown a tendency to finish 75% of what you register for?**
 - c. Do you have evidence of success?**
 - d. Are you are on track to finish your stated degree?****

Requirements for Submitting Financial Aid Appeals

- 1) Appeal Cover Sheet (Form – from Financial Aid web site)**
- 2) Statement explaining why you have not made satisfactory progress or completed your degree in a timely manner.**
- 3) Documentation supporting your stated reason for not making progress.**
- 4) Degree audit sheet (completed by you and/or your advisor)**
- 5) Transcript**

Tips for Submitting an Appeal

- 1) Make your statement to the committee coherent and grammatically correct.**
- 2) Type and sign your statement – the committee cannot approve what they cannot read.**
- 3) Address ALL of the reasons you did not meet satisfactory progress (i.e. below 2.0 AND earned less than 75%)**
- 4) Include only relevant information that impacted your performance.**
- 5) Include documentation of any reason you stated as contributing to poor performance.**
- 6) Take responsibility for your performance – identify the behaviors and describe what will be different.**

Remember: If you keep doing what you've been doing, you will keep getting what you've been getting.

We want you to win!