

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid offers millions of students the opportunity to go to college, and as a recipient of Financial Aid, it is your responsibility to know what you have to do to keep getting Financial Aid. In addition to filing your FAFSA every year, you have to meet certain academic requirements in order to remain eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

### What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

To make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) you must:

- Maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 2.0 or higher.
- Complete 67% of the credits you attempt.
- Complete your degree within 150% of the credits required for your degree. Example: You are working towards an A.A. degree and need 60 credits to graduate. Once you reach 90 credits, you are no longer eligible for financial aid. (60 credits x 150% = 90 credits).

### You should know...

Once you have passed a course, federal aid will only pay for one more repeat of that course.

If you pass a course and then fail it, you won't be able to receive aid for it again.

### FAQs

#### How often is my SAP evaluated?

You are evaluated at the end of every term (Fall, Spring, and Summer). This review looks at grades received, courses attempted, GPA, and pace towards graduation.

#### What happens if I don't complete 67% of the credits I attempt or fall behind the required GPA?

Students who do not meet the GPA requirement will be allowed one Warning semester, but potentially the student could be suspended in the future with the right to appeal, if the minimum cumulative GPA requirement is not met after Warning semester.

#### How do I appeal?

You will be sent appeal instructions to your HAWKMAIL. In the student statement for the appeal, you must describe why you failed to meet academic progress, explain how the problems have been overcome and provide supporting documentation that correspond to the term(s) for which you are appealing, along with any supporting documentation.

#### What happens if my appeal is granted?

You must follow your Academic Plan, discussed with your academic advisor. You must only take the courses listed on your Academic Plan (Courses of Program of Study, CPOS), successfully complete all courses, and not receive a D, W, F, Y, or I grade. To continue to receive federal financial aid, you must either achieve the overall SAP standard or continue to follow the Academic Plan.

#### What happens if my appeal is denied?

You will lose eligibility for Federal Financial Aid until you meet the 67% completion rate and/or minimum GPA. HACC has payment plans to help you pay your bill.

#### What aid does SAP affect?

All Federal Financial Aid is impacted by SAP. Federal Financial Aid includes: Pell Grants, SEOG, Work-Study, Direct Stafford Loans and Direct PLUS Loans. There is a separate policy for the PHEAA State Grant which can be found on the HACC website and PHEAA.org.