



## Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal regulations require Sul Ross State University to establish and apply reasonable standards of satisfactory progress for the purpose of receiving financial aid under the programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Office of Financial Aid has oversight of student financial aid programs intended to help students achieve access to higher education and accomplish academic goals. Each aid recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress in a course of study leading toward a degree or certificate. Financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is measured after each long semester.

### **Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA):**

All undergraduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to remain in good standing.

All graduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 to remain in good standing.

### **Completion Rate:**

In addition to maintaining GPA requirement, students must make reasonable progress toward their degree or certificate.

All undergraduate and graduate students:

- Must successfully complete at least 67% of all hours attempted. Grade of F, W, PR, and I are not considered as satisfactory completion but do count as attempted hours.
- Will be placed on Financial Aid Warning if their overall percentage of completion rate falls below 67%.

### **Time limits:**

All undergraduate students are expected to complete their program of study within 150% of the hours required to obtain the degree.

All graduate students are expected to complete their program of study within 150% of the hours needed to obtain the degree, after which they will no longer be eligible for financial aid.

### **Review Policy:**

The Financial Aid Office will review Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of each semester. If it is determined that the student does not meet the requirements, he/she will be placed on financial aid warning in the next semester they attend. A student who fails to meet the overall standards while on Financial Aid Warning will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension.

### **Appeals:**

Students have the right to appeal Financial Aid Suspension. However, the submission of an appeal is only a request and does not imply that financial aid holds will be removed or that approval of the appeal is forthcoming. The appeal must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at your designated campus in writing with all supporting documents and should demonstrate that extenuating circumstances occurred which were beyond the student's control. **APPEALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THE REQUEST PACKET IS INCOMPLETE.**

**I fully understand the reasons why I did not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Financial Aid and what I must do to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid in the future.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_