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HEA FINANCIAL AID WARNING



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Students who fail to meet minimum requirements for attendance or academic progress are placed on warning and considered to be making satisfactory academic progress during the warning period.

Midwest Barber College programs and no more than 8 total absences for Barbering and Industry Related: Barbering program and 80% GPA attendance and academic progress at the end of a payment period will be placed on a Financial Aid Warning.

A student on Financial Aid Warning may continue to receive assistance under the Title IV HEA programs for one payment period. At the end of the payment period if the student has met the minimum grade and attendance requirement the student is considered to be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress.

If the student is not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of the Financial Aid Warning Period. A student will be placed on Academic Probation development Status and will be required to meet specific criteria of an improvement plan to assist them in regaining SAP and Title IV eligibility. During this period the students will not be eligible to receive Title IV, HEA funds but he/she may continue on a cash pay basis with an approved payment plan. Arrangements for payment must be approved within 10 school days of notification of development status. Students who fail to meet minimum requirements (67% cumulative attendance and a B or 80% GPA) for attendance and academic progress at the end of a payment period will be placed on a Title IV, HEA Financial Aid Warning the first time. Any student on Title IV, HEA Financial Aid Warning may continue to receive assistance under the Title IV, HEA programs for one payment period only.

At the end of that payment period if the student has met the minimum grade and attendance requirement the student is considered to be meeting SAP.

If the student is not meeting SAP at the end of the Financial Aid Warning Period; there will be a loss of Title IV, HEA eligibility; with the right to appeal.

The student will be placed on a Title IV, HEA Academic Development Status, with a loss of Title IV, HEA funding and will be required to meet specific criteria of an improvement plan to assist them in regaining SAP and Title IV, HEA eligibility. During this period the students will not be eligible to receive Title IV, HEA funds but he/she may continue on a cash pay basis with an approved payment plan.

If a student is making SAP at the end of the Financial Aid Warning, they shall be returned to normal SAP status with no loss of Title IV, HEA eligibility

Arrangements for payment must be approved within 10 school days of notification of development status



### **PROBATION**

Students who fail to meet minimum requirements for attendance or academic progress after the warning period will be placed on probation and considered to be making satisfactory academic progress during the probationary period, if the student appeals the decision, and prevails upon appeal. Additionally, only students who have the ability to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy standards by the end of the evaluation period may be placed on probation. Students placed on an academic plan must be able to meet requirements set forth in the academic plan by the end of the next evaluation period. Students who are progressing according to their specific academic plan will be considered making Satisfactory Academic Progress. The student will be advised in writing of the actions required to attain satisfactory academic progress by the next evaluation. If at the end of the probationary period, the student has still not met both the attendance and academic requirements required for satisfactory academic progress or by the academic plan, he/she will be determined as NOT making satisfactory academic progress and, if applicable, students will not be deemed eligible to receive Title IV funds.

# TITLE IV, HEA FINANCIAL AID PROBATION STATUS:

A student placed on Financial Aid Probation may receive Title IV, HEA programs funds for one payment period. Any student that prevails upon the appeal process shall be placed on financial aid probation and will be eligible to receive Title IV, HEA funding during this period. The student may also be placed on an individual development plan to assist the student in regaining SAP at the end of this payment period. Those who are not making SAP at the end of the Financial Aid probation period will be ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA funds for the following payment periods. A student must meet SAP prior to having eligibility reinstated.

If the student is not granted a Probation they will remain on Academic Warning with a loss of Title IV, HEA funding for at least one payment period, at which time they must be making SAP in order to regain Title IV, HEA funding for the next payment period.

A student who losses their financial aid eligibility due to not making SAP at the end of a financial aid warning has the right to file an appeal regarding their Satisfactory Academic Progress Evaluations.

#### RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students may re-establish satisfactory academic progress and Title IV aid, as applicable, by meeting minimum attendance and academic requirements by the end of the warning or probationary period.

# INTERRUPTIONS, COURSE INCOMPLETES, WITHDRAWALS

If enrollment is temporarily interrupted for a Leave of Absence, the student will return to school in the same progress status as prior to the leave of absence. Hours elapsed during a leave of absence will extend the student's contract period and maximum time frame by the same number of days taken in the leave of absence and will not be included in the student's cumulative attendance percentage calculation. Students who withdraw prior to completion of the course and wish to re-enroll will return in the same satisfactory academic progress status as at the time of withdrawal. A Leave of Absence and/or failure to return from a Leave of Absence may affect your loan interest rates and/or repayment timeline. *Please see your Financial Aid representative for more information*.



#### TRANSFER HOURS

With regard to Satisfactory Academic Progress, a student's transfer hours will be counted as both attempted and earned hours for the purpose of determining when the allowable maximum time frame has been exhausted.

## APPEALS PROCEDURES

#### APPEALS AND DOCUMENTATION

A student may appeal a determination that he/she is not making satisfactory academic progress at MBC's by submitting a signed, dated "Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form" to the school's business office within 14 days of the determination that s/he is not making satisfactory academic progress. The school's business office will issue a "Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Decision" to the student within 14 days of the student's appeal.

The decisions of MBC's business office concerning SAP appeals are final. As with any use of professional judgment, adequate documentation is critical. Since third parties may sometimes be used to document the mitigating circumstances surrounding an SAP appeal, the following

provides some acceptable documentation that may be submitted in support of an appeal. Some examples might include but are not limited to:

- A. Newspaper obituaries or death certificates to substantiate deaths
- B. Physician's statement to substantiate illness or accident
- C. Statement from clergy or family member who knows the student's situation
- D. Statement from instructor

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# TITLE IV, HEA FINANCIAL APPEAL GRANTED:

Should the student prevail upon their appeal they will be placed on a Financial Probation for that payment period. The student will then be eligible for Title IV, HEA funds for that payment period. While on Financial Aid Probation, the student must meet the institutions Satisfactory Academic Progress standards and complete the requirements of the Academic Improvement Plan, which was developed by the institution to assist the student in regaining their Title IV, HEA eligibility.

A student on Financial Aid Probation because of a successful appeal is eligible for Title IV, HEA funds for ONE payment period.

A student, who wished to appeal Academic Development Status and loss of Title IV, HEA eligibility, must submit a written request to the Director within five (5) business days of being notified that they are in a non-satisfactory progress status.



The student must describe any unusual circumstance(s) that the student believes deserve special consideration. The basis on which a student may file an appeal: death of a relative, an injury, or illness of the student or other special circumstance. The student must provide a written statement and information as to why they did not make SAP and what has changed that will allow them to make SAP by the next evaluation point.

Once the College Director receives the appeal, they will evaluate the appeal and provide a decision within five (5) business days. The Director will notify the student in writing of the decision and all decisions are final. If the student wins the appeal they will then be placed on Financial Aid Probation, which is a status assigned by the Federal regulations to a student who fails to make SAP, who has appealed and has had their Title IV, HEA eligibility for aid reinstated for one payment period only.