



Feather River College – Financial Aid Office Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Federal regulations require that all students receiving Title IV aid meet or exceed the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy established at that institution. It is the established policy at Feather River College that the Financial Aid Office will evaluate a recipient's progress at the end of each semester (fall, spring, and summer). This progress evaluation includes all semesters of attendance at FRC, regardless of whether or not a recipient received financial aid for those semesters. Progress also includes all units attempted at FRC and all units from other schools transferred to FRC, regardless of whether or not financial aid was received during the time the student earned the units.

Ability to Benefit

Criteria mandated by the Federal Department of Education states that, in order to receive federal financial aid a student must be qualified to study at the post-secondary level. For Student Financial Aid purposes, a student with a high school diploma or an equivalent such as a GED certificate, is considered qualified. While new students can no longer become eligible by passing an approved "ability-to-benefit" test, students who were enrolled in an eligible educational program of study before July 1, 2012 may continue to be considered eligible.

Academic Requirements

Students must be enrolled in an eligible program for the purpose of completing a Bachelor's Degree, AA/AS degree, a transfer program, or a certificate program.

Progress Standards

The FRC Financial Aid Office will evaluate student's academic progress at the end of each semester following the completion of the official posting of ALL grades for ALL students by the FRC Admissions and Records Office. Students must maintain a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) and are required to maintain a satisfactory pace in progressing toward their certificate or degree. Pace is determined by computing the percentage from the academic record of cumulative units earned divided by cumulative units attempted. The resulting pace must be 67% or higher. Remedial courses are included in the cumulative GPA and pace calculations along with all other courses. Repeated course attempts also count toward the student's pace and maximum timeframe. Students are expected to earn their certificate or associate degree before they have attempted 150% of the published length of the program (maximum timeframe). A student reaches maximum timeframe after having attempted the credit hour equivalent of 150% of the program hours required for the current degree or certificate.

BA	180 attempted units
AA, AS, Transfer:	90 attempted units*
Certificate Program:	52 attempted units*
LVN:	120 attempted units
LVN Certificate:	85 attempted units

(*Maximum units may vary according to individual program)

A maximum of 30 remedial credits may be excluded from this limitation.

All courses the student has received a grade for on the transcript, including A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D+, D, F, FW, I, IP, NP, P, RD, or W grades, count in the maximum timeframe attempted hours calculation. As a courtesy, students who are close to reaching their maximum timeframe will receive an "alert" notice. Once a student reaches maximum timeframe, he/she will be disqualified from receiving further financial aid.



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Financial Aid Warning

Students who drop below a cumulative 2.0 GPA and/or who do not earn 67% of their cumulative attempted units will be placed on Financial Aid Warning for the next semester they enroll at FRC.

Students on Financial Aid Warning will continue to receive their financial aid during the semester they are on warning. Students who are on Financial Aid Warning for a semester are expected to regain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress status by the end of that semester.

Financial Aid Disqualification

Students put on Academic or Progress Dismissal by the Registrar immediately become ineligible for financial aid. Financial Aid Warning students who do not meet both the minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA requirement and/or 67% pace at the end of their Financial Aid Warning semester become ineligible for financial aid. Students that have reached their maximum timeframe become ineligible for financial aid. Financial Aid Disqualified students will be sent an email informing them of their Financial Aid Disqualified status and will also be given the opportunity to appeal for reinstatement of their financial aid eligibility.

Disqualification from Financial Aid does not prevent students from enrolling without financial aid if they are otherwise eligible to continue their enrollment.

The Appeal Process

Financial aid students that were disqualified due to GPA or Pace may appeal for reinstatement of their financial aid eligibility by completing a “Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form”. Financial aid students that were disqualified due to Program Completion or Maximum Timeframe may appeal for reinstatement of their financial aid eligibility by completing a “Maximum Credit Appeal Form”.

The Financial Aid Appeal Committee will review each complete and timely appeal and will make a decision whether or not to approve the appeal and to restore the student’s eligibility to receive financial aid at FRC. The student will be notified of the decision by email. Committee decisions are final.

Financial Aid Probation

Students whose appeals are approved are placed on Financial Aid Probation for one or more subsequent semesters for which they enroll at FRC. Students on Financial Aid Probation will receive their financial aid during the semester(s) they are on Financial Aid Probation.

Students who are on Financial Aid Probation are expected to regain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress by the end of their probationary period. Students on Financial Aid Probation who are given Academic Plans as part of the appeal approvals are expected to meet the requirements of their Academic Plans at the end of each semester. Failure to meet the requirements of any Financial Aid Probation semester will result in automatic Financial Aid Disqualification at FRC. Students who are disqualified for the second time no longer have an appeal option except in the case of a student’s documented medical emergency.

Regaining Eligibility

Students who fail to meet these Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards and who choose to enroll without benefit of financial aid may request a review of their academic records after any semester in which they are enrolled (without the receipt of financial aid) to determine whether they have met the financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards. If the standards are met, financial aid eligibility is regained for the next semester of enrollment at FRC.



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Grade Change

It is the **student's responsibility** to notify the Financial Aid Office of a grade change at the time it is made in the Records Office. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate the student's transcript to determine if they have regained financial aid eligibility due to the grade change.

Loss of Eligibility for BOG Fee Waiver

A student shall become ineligible for a Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver if the student is placed on Academic or Progress Probation, or any combination thereof, for two consecutive primary terms (fall, spring). Loss of eligibility shall become effective at the first registration opportunity after such determination is made.

Notification of Academic or Progress Probation Status

Students will be notified by email of their placement on Academic or Progress Probation no later than thirty days following the end of the term that resulted in the student's placement on probation. The notice will clearly state that two consecutive primary terms of probation will lead to a loss of the BOG Fee Waiver until the student is no longer on probation.

Notification of Loss of Eligibility for BOG Fee Waiver

Students will be notified by email that they are no longer eligible for a BOG Fee Waiver, after being placed on Academic or Progress Probation for two consecutive primary terms of probation.

Appeal Process for Loss of Eligibility for BOG Fee Waiver

Students may appeal the loss of a BOG Fee Waiver due to extenuating circumstances, or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive, a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances that might include documented changes in the student's economic situation or evidence that the student was unable to obtain essential student support services. Extenuating circumstances also includes special consideration of the specific factors associated with Veterans, CalWORKs, EOPS, and DSPS student status. Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of BOG Fee Waiver due to placement on Academic or Progress Probation.

Students may appeal for reinstatement of their BOG Fee Waiver eligibility by completing a "BOG Fee Waiver Appeal Form". The Financial Aid Appeal Committee will review each complete and timely appeal and will make a decision whether or not to approve the appeal and to restore the student's eligibility to receive the BOG Fee Waiver at FRC. The student will be notified of the decision by email. Committee decisions are final.

Students whose appeals are approved are eligible to receive the BOG Fee Waiver during the semester that he/she lost BOG Fee Waiver eligibility.

Regaining Eligibility for BOG Fee Waiver

Students who do not appeal or whose appeal is not approved, will not regain eligibility for the BOG Fee Waiver until they are no longer on Academic or Progress Probation, or after not attending FRC for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring).