GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AND RECEIPT OF FEDERAL GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

Requirements
Federal regulations require that all financial aid recipients maintain program pursuit and make satisfactory progress toward completion of degree program requirements for continued receipt of Federal assistance. The Financial Aid Office at SUNY Fredonia evaluates academic progress according to Federal requirements for TEACH.

Graduate Good Academic Standing Chart for Federal Aid (TEACH/Stafford/Grad PLUS Loan)

Before receiving Federal aid prior to this semester, you must meet all three criteria below:

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<th>Percentage of attempted hours that must be completed with a passing or failing grade</th>
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<td>Student must have accrued at least this many credits</td>
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Notification procedure
Compliance with guidelines for receipt of Federal financial aid (see chart above) is evaluated for all graduate students on a yearly basis at the end of the Spring semester. The Financial Aid Office will notify students who become ineligible for financial aid within one month after the Spring semester if they have not met the eligibility requirements. The notification letter will inform the student of loss of aid at SUNY Fredonia for the subsequent semester and it will also outline the waiver procedure that must be followed if the student chooses to appeal the decision.

Waiver procedure
Reinstatement of graduate federal financial aid may be approved only when unusual circumstances prevented the student from meeting the expected criteria (see chart above) and there is sufficient documentation supporting the request for reinstatement. A request to reinstate Federal graduate financial aid for the next semester is initiated via the Waiver Application Form sent to you by the Financial Aid Office and will be evaluated based on the student's documentation of the unusual circumstances that led to the cancellation of such aid. A student choosing to use the waiver process to reinstate financial aid must complete and submit the Waiver Application Form (with appropriate documentation) to the Graduate Studies Office, 2144 Fenton Hall, for evaluation by the committee.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Other considerations
Appeals for additional financial assistance
During the course of a year, a family may experience unemployment, death, or disability of a wage earner. These cases are grounds for a review of the applicant’s aid eligibility. During the course of a year, a family may experience unemployment, death, or disability of a wage earner. These cases are grounds for a review of the applicant’s aid eligibility.

If you do not meet any of the ten criteria above, you will be considered dependent for Federal Assistance and must complete parent and student sections of the FAFSA. Prior to the starting of a school year, each new student should be prepared to provide proof of their self-reported independent status when contacted by the Financial Aid Office.

Cash advances
The Faculty Student Association (FSA) will advance funds to an individual who is waiting for approved financial aid checks to arrive on campus. Since some aid checks are delayed for a few weeks, this system has been put in place to cover emergencies until the aid check arrives. Contact the FSA Office in Gregory Hall for further information.

Summer aid
A student's eligibility for Summer financial aid is driven by his or her actual enrollment during the Summer sessions. In order to be eligible to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan, students must be enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours. Eligibility for certain Alternative Loans requires enrollment of at least three (3) credit hours during the Summer sessions. If eligible, students can also receive the State TAP Grant, Federal Pell Grant or TEACH Grant. Students should be aware that receipt of Summer aid may reduce their academic year aid. Please complete the FAFSA and TAP application as you would for academic year assistance. A separate “Summer Aid Application” must also be completed and can be obtained online at www.fredonia.edu/financialaid/summer.asp.

J-Term
We hope you will be interested in spending two weeks in January with us as you earn undergraduate or graduate credit. SUNY Fredonia faculty members offer a variety of courses at several levels, many of which serve our general education requirements (CC). For additional information regarding J-Term, refer to www.fredonia.edu/term/welcome.asp. All J-Term financial aid recipients must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. A separate J-Term Financial Aid Application, available online, may be completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office for processing.

Spring-only aid applicants
For Spring-only assistance, you must submit the following applications to be considered for Federal financial aid. The FAFSA must be submitted as soon as possible. If you already completed a FAFSA, please make sure you add SUNY Fredonia (school code 003844) and are accepted as a “resource” in the packaging of Federal financial aid awards. Please follow the instructions on the back of the award letter to accept/deny your aid and to complete the necessary loan requirements such as the e-MPIN and Entrance Counseling.

Withdrawal from college
Students who withdraw during the semester may not be entitled to 100% of the semester’s financial aid. The aid was granted on the premise that you would be enrolled for the entire semester and would complete the term. If you drop out of school, you may be asked to repay a portion of your Federal financial aid, such as: Pell Grants, TEACH Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans and PLUS Loans. The amount you will be asked to repay is based on the time during the semester at which you withdrew from college and the refund of charges as calculated by the Office of Student Accounts. The earlier your withdrawal date, the larger the percentage you will be required to pay. The later your withdrawal date, the less you will have to repay. The withdrawal process begins with the Office of Student Affairs.

Other employment
Students not qualifying for Federal Work Study will have the opportunity to apply for campus non-Work Study jobs. These job applications are available through the Residence Life Office, the Faculty Student Association Office, Reed Library, and the Student Payroll Office.

Resident Assistant (RA) positions and the receipt of Federal student aid
Students employed by the Office of Residence Life as Resident Assistants should be advised that as per Federal regulations, Resident Assistant room and board waivers must be considered as a “resource” in the packaging of Federal financial aid awards. This additional resource may result in a reduction of your Federal financial aid.

Studying abroad and the receipt of financial aid
Studying abroad can be one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences in a college student’s career. Students who wish to study abroad should first contact the Office of International Education at (716) 673-2962. Those who wish to receive financial aid for coursework work outside the United States should contact the Financial Aid Office at least three months prior to their departure. For further information, visit www.fredonia.edu/financialaid/studyabroad.asp.

Federal and State financial aid, along with Alternative Loans, are available for sanctioned Study Abroad programs. Financial aid is disbursed upon verification of the student’s enrollment in the foreign country, consequently financial aid is not available in time to pay up-front costs such as advance deposits, insurance, plane, etc. Many sister SUNY institutions who participate in Study Abroad programs have developed Federal Aid Arrangement procedures with the Office of Student Accounts at SUNY Fredonia to assist students with the payment of institutional Study Abroad Program Fees.

Students taking classes at another college
The Financial Aid Office at SUNY Fredonia will process Federal and State financial aid for students who are matriculated at SUNY Fredonia and taking classes at another institution. SUNY Fredonia (the home