



SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

All students who receive Title IV financial aid must be working toward a degree at Pellissippi State. In order to assure that the student is making satisfactory academic progress, both in terms of number of hours completed and cumulative GPA, Pellissippi State will evaluate students at the end of the academic year using the following satisfactory progress policy:

Progress Standards

1. A student will be on financial aid suspension if he/she does not keep a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (checked after spring and summer semesters.)
2. A student must pass two-thirds (.66) of the hours attempted (checked after spring and summer semesters.) Satisfactory grades are A, B+, B, C+, C, D or P. Unsatisfactory grades are F, E, AU, NP or W. A grade of I is considered unsatisfactory until changed to a passing grade.
3. Any student who receives a 0.0 GPA for a semester due to all F grades (or a combination of F, W, or AU grades) will be removed from financial aid eligibility without a probationary period (checked after each semester.)
4. Any student who received a 0.0 GPA for a semester as the result of an official withdrawal from the College will be placed on financial aid probation. If a student totally withdraws from two semesters, between which no successful work has been completed, all forms of financial assistance to the student will be terminated.
5. If a student has not reestablished satisfactory progress after the one semester of financial aid probation, all forms of financial assistance (including student loans) to the student will be suspended.
6. A student may be reinstated on financial aid by personally paying the education expenses for a minimum of 6 credit hours for one full semester and passing all hours attempted with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the student to inform the Financial Aid Office if he/she has met the requirements.

Time Limit for Financial Aid

A student may be eligible to receive financial aid for a maximum of 90 hours attempted toward a degree and 30 hours of required developmental studies courses, for a maximum of 120 hours.

Transfer hours accepted by Pellissippi State will be counted toward the maximum number of hours allowed to be eligible to receive financial aid.

Financial Aid Appeals

Any termination of financial aid may be appealed. Any student not satisfied with the decision rendered may take his/her appeal to the Financial Aid Committee. The student must be able to prove extenuating circumstances for an appeal.

Any student whose appeal is granted will be placed on financial aid probation for the subsequent semester. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress at the end of that semester will again result in termination of financial aid.