

COLLEGE OF SANTA FE'S SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

Federal regulations mandate that students must make satisfactory academic progress toward completing their degree. This requirement applies to the student's period of attendance at the College of Santa Fe, even though financial aid may not have been received. Satisfactory progress is reviewed at the end of each Spring semester. Students will be notified if they have not maintained satisfactory progress; however, it is the student's responsibility to monitor his/her own progress.

The 3 areas that must be monitored in order to maintain eligibility for federal and state financial assistance are:

- 1) Hours Completed
- 2) Grade Point Average
- 3) Degree Completion Time Frame

1) **Hours Completed:**

The College of Santa Fe will award you based on what you reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and monitors how many credit hours you complete. Your aid will not disburse if you are enrolled in less credit hours than you indicated on the FAFSA. We hope you will successfully complete all of these hours; however, if you do not here is how it will affect you.

Good Standing: If you complete 75% or more of the hours for which you were funded for the academic year.

Probation: If you fail to complete 75% but are successful in completing at least 25%, you will be put on probation the following academic year. If you complete all of your hours for which you are funded during the probation year you will be placed back into good standing the following academic year. If, however, you fail to complete all of the hours for which you are funded during your probation academic year you will be placed on suspension.

Suspension: If you complete less than 25% of your classes for which you are funded you will be suspended from receiving student financial aid. You will also be suspended if you do not complete ALL of your hours during your probation year.

To regain Good Standing after being suspended: If you have been suspended from financial aid, whether for failing to earn at least 25% of your funded hours or for not meeting your probationary requirements, you must complete one semester of full-time classes on your own resources. These hours may be earned at another institution as long as they are transferable. The hours WILL NOT count if CSF does not accept them.

2) **Grade Point Average:**

All students must have maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA by the end of each academic year to continue receiving Federal and State financial aid, as well as Institutional Need-Based funds (like the De La Salle award). Presidential Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA each academic year to maintain scholarship eligibility. Dean's Scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

3) **Degree Completion:**

The maximum time frame for the completion of a degree is limited by federal regulations to 150% of the published length of the degree program and includes transfer credits and all attempted credit hours including completed credits, audits, incompletes, withdrawals and repeated or failed classes.