



## Process to Appeal Loss of Financial Aid

If a student fails to meet the requirements of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and/or pursuit of program, he or she may submit an appeal to the appeal committee via the Financial Aid Office. To be considered for an appeal, extenuating circumstances must have contributed to the student's inability to maintain SAP and/or pursuit of program. A student must document that there were mitigating circumstances, such as a family illness, death or crisis, that prevented the student from meeting the requirements, and must include how the student plans to improve his/her academic performance going forward.

If the appeals committee approves an appeal, aid will be re-instated for one semester. The student will be notified of the conditions that must be met (i.e. pass a certain number of credits; earn a semester GPA of at least 2.00) for aid eligibility to be extended beyond the single semester.

**Students who do not meet the conditions of an appeal are not eligible to apply for a new appeal until the next academic year.** Subsequent appeals would consider only those circumstances that prevented the student from meeting the conditions of the initial appeal.

It should be noted that an appeal is not an automatic right of a student; there are guidelines set forth that must be followed to remain in compliance. NYS limits state aid appeals to **one** for the student's **entire** academic pursuit within NYS. Not all students who fail to satisfy NYS good academic standing requirements are necessarily candidates for a waiver. For example, "difficulty adjusting to college life" is not a reasonable basis for a waiver, since that circumstance might apply to many students. Situations that caused a student to lose good academic standing should be beyond the student's control, not chronic circumstances that cannot be remedied. With the additional term that results from approval of the waiver, a student should be able to regain good standing.

**Appeal Filing Deadlines:** The appeal must be in writing and submitted to the Financial Aid Office by November 20th for each fall semester & April 20th for each spring semester.

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