

minimum standards of progress, the Financial Aid Office will award you an aid package based on your financial aid need.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid Eligibility Federal regulations (34 CFR 668.34) require a student to move toward the completion of a degree or certificate within an eligible program when receiving financial aid. Specific requirements for academic progress for financial aid recipients are applied differently than college Academic Standards, Warning, and Suspension. Federal regulations state that Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards must include a review of all periods of enrollment, regardless of whether or not aid was received. The student must meet all the minimum standards in order to receive financial aid.

Required SAP Standards

- **Grade Point Average (GPA):** Students must meet the following cumulative GPA of 2.0 overall.
- **Completion Rate:** Financial aid students must also complete at least 67% of the credit hours they attempt each semester and overall.
- **Maximum Time Frame:** Students lose their financial aid eligibility once they cannot complete their degree within 150% of the number of credit hours it takes to graduate. Example: AA degree requires 60 credit hours to graduate, 150% of 60=90 credit hours. Once the student cannot complete their degree within 90 credit hours, they are placed on automatic suspension and are no longer eligible for financial aid.

FINANCIAL AID APPEALS

Students who have applied for financial aid have the opportunity to appeal decisions related to the award or administration of financial aid with the institution. Contact the Financial Aid Office or visit our website at www.fgc.edu.

Nationwide, Financial Aid Directors have update capability for student aid eligibility, which includes override capabilities. At Florida Gateway College, these overrides are determined using “professional judgment” on a case by case basis by the director of financial aid in consultation with the vice president for student services. A log is maintained in the Financial Aid Office regarding these updates and overrides and a dated notation is made in the individual student’s file of the decision rendered by the director of financial aid and the vice president for student services.