

Financial Aid Warning Semester

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy can be viewed at <http://www.sfa.msstate.edu/policies/satisfactory-academic-progress/>

What is Financial Aid Warning?

Financial Aid Warning is a status assigned if you were previously meeting SAP policy standards, however at the last SAP review, you failed to make satisfactory academic progress. This is an alert to inform you that if the SAP policy standards are not met during the warning semester, you will no longer be eligible for future financial aid.

Why am I on Financial Aid Warning?

You are placed on **Financial Aid Warning** for failing to meet at least one of the SAP policy standards listed below:

1. GPA: Failure to maintain a minimum MSU cumulative GPA
2. Completion Rate: Failure to pass a minimum of 67% of the cumulative course work attempted
3. Excessive Withdrawals: Exceeded maximum number of withdrawal hours

Can I receive Financial Aid while I am on Financial Aid Warning?

Yes, during the Financial Aid Warning semester you can be awarded financial aid (if otherwise eligible). You can only be granted a 'warning' status for one semester. You are not allowed to receive consecutive "warning" semesters of financial aid.

What are the requirements to be granted a Financial Aid Warning semester?

To be granted a Financial Aid Warning semester, you do **not** have to complete a SAP Appeal, however, **you must complete the Financial Aid SAP Warning requirement**. You are strongly encouraged to meet with your academic advisor for a consultation regarding your academic status.

How do I complete the Financial Aid SAP Warning requirement?

Log into your myState account (<https://my.msstate.edu>)

Under Financial Aid menu, select Award Notification Letter. Once you have been awarded aid, a pop-up box will appear. Select "ok" after you read the information displayed in the SAP Warning pop-up box

What happens at the end of my Financial Aid Warning period?

The SAP status is checked at the end of each semester, including summer. At the end of your Financial Aid Warning semester, your SAP status will be re-evaluated to determine if the requirements of the SAP policy have been met. You must be meeting the SAP policy requirements to continue to receive financial aid. Otherwise, you will be placed on **Financial Aid Suspension** and will not be eligible to receive financial aid.

Good Standing – eligible to receive financial aid

If the overall SAP Policy requirements are met at the end of the probationary semester, your SAP status will be updated to 'good standing' (making satisfactory academic progress) beginning with the next semester. You will be eligible to receive federal aid, including the Sumner's Grant (if otherwise eligible).

Financial Aid Suspension – not eligible to receive financial aid

If the overall SAP Policy requirements are not met at the end of the Financial Aid Warning semester, then you be placed on **Financial Aid Suspension** and you will be suspended from receiving any financial aid and/or Sumner Grant funds beginning with the next semester and for future semesters until the SAP Policy requirements have once again been met. **Any federal student aid and/or Sumner Grant aid previously awarded for the upcoming semester will be cancelled.** You may submit a SAP Appeal to request to have your financial aid reinstated.

What if I have Excessive Withdrawal Hours?

If you who have exceeded the maximum number of withdrawal hours at the end of your Financial Aid Warning semester, you will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension. You can submit a SAP Appeal to request to have your aid reinstated. SAP Appeals Forms can be obtained online at <http://www.sfa.msstate.edu/policies/satisfactory-academic-progress/> and must be submitted by the established deadline. Students are limited to three SAP appeals.

What if I have Exceeded the Maximum Time-Frame?

If you have exceeded the maximum time-frame to complete your degree program, you are not eligible for a Financial Aid Warning semester. You are no longer eligible to receive financial aid unless you win an appeal.

You can submit a SAP Appeal Form to request to have your aid reinstated. SAP Appeals Forms can be obtained online at <http://www.sfa.msstate.edu/policies/satisfactory-academic-progress/>. SAP Appeals must be submitted by the established deadline.

When will my Financial Aid be paid into my MSU account?

Your financial aid will be paid into your student account when your financial aid application (FAFSA) and all other financial aid requirements have been met. You can check the status of your financial aid online via your myState account.

How do I Regain Financial Aid Eligibility?

If you have been placed on Financial Aid Suspension as a result of your failure to meet SAP, you can regain financial aid eligibility by meeting at least one of the following criteria:

1. Correct the SAP problem(s) and meet the overall SAP policy requirements.
2. Submit SAP Appeal (limit of three). If your SAP Appeal is approved by the SAP Appeals Committee, you will be placed on **Financial Aid Probation** (for one semester).

Are there any other sources of funding?

If you have been placed on Financial Aid Suspension, there may be additional funding opportunities for you through the Alternative/Private Loans program. More information can be viewed at <http://www.sfa.msstate.edu/loans/>.