

Bennett College for Women

2010-2011 Financial Aid Satisfactory Progress Policy

I. Satisfactory Progress Requirements:

FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE ALL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE TITLE IV FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS TO HAVE A STANDARD OF SATISFACTORY PROGRESS. THE STANDARD MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL AID AS A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

- Parameters:
1. Utilizes a six year total time period for acquisition of the baccalaureate degree.
 2. Utilizes a one year review cycle for eligibility.
 3. Utilizes quantitative and qualitative measures of progress.

These requirements apply to the following programs: The Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, the Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant, the Federal SMART Grant, Federal Work Study, Subsidized Stafford Loans, Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, Parent PLUS Loans, North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grants, North Carolina Contractual Grants, North Carolina Student Incentive Grants, Educational Lottery awards and all Institutional Aid.

Students are cautioned against repeating too many courses. The number of hours students are required to pass are listed in the Table in Section II.

II. Qualitative and Quantitative Minimum Academic Standards

Bennett College students' cumulative GPA must meet the academic standards established by the college as stated in the Bennett College Catalog.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Attempted Cr. Hrs.</u>	<u>Minimum Completed Cr. Hrs.</u>	<u>CUM. GPA</u>
1	30	24	1.75
2	60	48	2.00
3	90	72	2.00
4	120	96	2.00
5	150	120	2.00
6	180	150	2.00

1. Students must earn the minimum number of hours each academic year depending on their enrollment status i.e. full time= 24, three-fourth time= 18, half-time =12.
2. Students should be aware that withdrawals, repeated courses and incomplete grades may have a negative impact on the total hours completed.

III. Penalty for Failure to Meet Financial Aid Satisfactory Progress Standards.

Students failing to meet the standards described in Section II for minimum hours completed and /or minimum grade point average will be placed on Financial Aid Probations for one year. At the end of that year, if the student has not met the minimum requirements, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension.

Students on Financial Aid Suspension will be denied aid for a period of at least one academic year. Reinstatement will be contingent upon attainment of satisfactory progress standards described in Section II by using your own resources. Once you meet the standard, you will be required to submit a request for an appeal of your Satisfactory Progress. Students will be notified in writing when they are placed on both Financial Aid Probation and Suspension. Where unusual circumstances exist, students may appeal the suspension as described in Section IV.

3. Appeal of Financial Aid Suspension

The Financial Aid Satisfactory Progress requirements may be waived under certain conditions, such as injury to the student, illness of the student, death or illness of a relative of the student, or other special circumstances. If these circumstances exist, the student should appeal the Financial Aid Suspension.

A student wishing to appeal Financial Aid Suspension should submit a completed Financial Aid Appeal Form, and any other supporting documents (letters, and /or invoices from doctors and /or hospitals, affidavits) to the Office of Financial Aid. Given the importance of such an appeal, original materials must be sent by regular mail. Faxed forms will not be accepted. Students may also bring original documents to the Office of Financial Aid. All appeals materials must be received by the Office of Financial Aid by the close of business fifteen working days, after receipt of the notice of suspension. The Office of Financial Aid will then present the appeals to the Financial Aid Committee. Should the appeal be denied, the student has the right to make an appearance before the committee if she desires. August 1, 2010 will be the last day to submit appeal materials for the fall semester and December 1, 2010 will be the last day to submit appeal materials for the spring 2011 semester.

IV. Reinstatement of Financial Aid

A student on Financial Aid Suspension may apply for reinstatement of financial aid when one of the following conditions prevails:

- 1) The suspension has been successfully appealed as outlined in Section III; or
- 2) The student has earned the minimum GPA and hours needed to meet the Satisfactory Progress of requirements as described in Section II.



Office of Financial Aid

Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form
2010-211 Academic School Year

Section A: General Information

Please Print

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Major: _____

Academic Advisor: _____ CTLT Advisor: _____

Section B: Reason(s) for an Appeal (Check all that apply)

_____ **Illness or injury**-Provide supporting documentation of illness (Doctor's letter Hospital bill, etc.)

_____ **Extended illness or Death of an immediate family member**-Please attach appropriate documentation and/or program. Consideration will only be given for immediate family member (parent(s), spouse, sibling or child.

_____ **Double Major**-A letter from your advisor indicating that you are working on a double major and the number of hours required for you to complete both majors.

_____ **Unusual Circumstances**-Please provide details and documentation (if possible). List the date(s) the circumstance(s) occurred: _____.

Section C: Letter of Appeal-Please attach a typed, detailed explanation of the reason(s) that you would like for the Appeals Committee to consider.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form, your letter and supporting documentation on or before August 1st to:
Bennett College*Office of Financial Aid* 900 East Washington Street*Greensboro, NC 27401