Students: do you know the term SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) and what it means to YOU?

The Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy is based on federal guidelines that require each college and university to ensure that student aid applicants are progressing through their academic programs at an acceptable pace while maintaining an acceptable cumulative grade point average.

The policy provides for consistent application of standards to all students within categories of students, (e.g., fulltime, part-time, undergraduate, and graduate students) and educational programs established by the institution:

- GPA or other comparable assessment measured against a norm
- The pace at which a student must progress to complete the program within the maximum timeframe
- Process for Incompletes, Withdrawals, Repetitions, and transfer of credit from other school
- Frequency of SAP evaluation
- SAP Warning (applicable only if school's policy places student on Financial Aid Warning)
- SAP Probation (applicable only if school's policy places student on Financial Aid Probation)
- SAP Appeal (applicable only if school's policy places student on Financial Aid Probation. Student must appeal before probation granted.)
- Process for Schools that evaluate SAP at the end of each payment period
- Process for schools that evaluate SAP annually or less frequently than the end of each payment period
- SAP Notifications

Every institution has a SAP policy posted on its website. Please review your school’s policy to ensure that you are on track with completion of your degree.
A student who receives funding during the current academic year is automatically evaluated for renewal at the end of the spring term and does not submit a renewal application.

The student’s institution sends the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) each student’s GPA and hours earned. Eligibility notifications are then posted to each student’s online Financial Aid Recipient History (FARH).

The annual credit hour renewal requirement for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program is the measure of the number of credit hours a student must earn based on the student’s enrollment type per term. The enrollment type of a student is based on credit hours funded after the institution’s Drop/Add period.

Therefore, OSFA encourages students to use the Bright Futures Credit Hour Interactive Tool, located:

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/PDF/BFCreditHourTool.xlsx

This tool allows students to customize the credit hour requirement to their individual enrollment scenario per term.

**RENEWAL INTO A DIFFERENT SCHOLARSHIP TYPE**

- Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) with 2.75-2.99 GPA at the end of the renewal period will renew as Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS). If the GPA is improved above a 3.0 in a subsequent renewal period, the student will restore as a FAS, using the one-time restoration opportunity.

- A student who earns the FMS, Gold Seal CAPE Scholars (GSC), or Gold Seal Vocational Scholars (GSV) awards in high school may not renew to the FAS award.

- A GSV or GSV award may not renew to the FMS.

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