



SC4 Academic Success/Financial Aid Appeal Form

Step 1 – Student General Information

Student Name

Student ID

Student Address

Phone Number

Email

Program of study

Last semester attended

Semester for which appeal is being considered: Fall Winter Summer

Type of Appeal (Check all that apply): Academic Success Financial Aid

Students placed on Academic Success or Financial Aid Termination may appeal for the ability to register for classes and/or receive reinstatement of financial aid when extenuating circumstances exist. Appeals are reviewed by Student Services representatives as well as input from academic administrators when appropriate. Lack of awareness of withdrawal policies, requirements for satisfactory academic progress or unpreparedness for college coursework, will not be accepted as reasons for the purpose of an appeal.

You must:

- Submit a personal statement explaining why you failed to achieve satisfactory academic progress. The statement should include any relevant factors such as illness; unusual demands upon you due to family, work, or life circumstances; and your perspective on what led to this academic difficulty. Address all periods of enrollment in which you failed to maintain academic progress.
- Explain how your circumstances have changed, allowing you to successfully make satisfactory progress. Include resources you intend to use to assist you in becoming successful.
- Submit third-party documentation supporting your appeal, if appropriate. Documentation may include a doctor’s statement, copy of hospital/urgent care/physician’s bill, obituary, funeral notice or death certificate. If excessive work is a factor, obtain a letter from your employer outlining the job demands or work schedule.

Students submitting an Academic Success Appeal only: Complete Step 2

Students submitting a Financial Aid Appeal must Complete Steps 2 and 3

Step 2 – My **unsatisfactory progress is due to** (check all that apply):

GPA Requirement/Pace: I currently have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) below a 2.0 and/or cumulative completion rate that is less than 67%. GPA and completion ratio can be found on your portal account.

Grade Point Average:

Completion Ratio:

Maximum Time Frame Requirement (for Financial Aid Appeal): I have exceeded 150% of attempted credit hours needed for my specific program and have reached the maximum time frame level. I am including the Academic Progress Review form the SC4 Academic Advisor completed for me when I met with the Advisor. If you do not have your Academic Progress Review, **stop**, you must get one completed prior to filing this Maximum Timeframe Appeal. Contact the Advising Office at advising@sc4.edu to have this completed.

Year you started this Program of Study:

Semester in which you will complete this Program of Study:

Total number of all credits attempted at SC4:

Federal regulations prohibit students from receiving funding after they have attempted 150% of credits needed for a degree. If your appeal is due to Maximum Time Frame (Time Limit), your appeal must:

- Include your Academic Progress Review Form
- Include why you feel an exception should be made for you
- Include what your ultimate college and career goals are

Note: If your appeal is approved, aid can only be used to pay for courses **required** for your degree or eligible program.

Step 3 – Financial Literacy (**for Financial Aid Appeal only**)

List your total loan debt: Go to www.studentaid.gov to obtain this information. Please **attach** a copy of the loan debt statement to this form. \$

Statement of Understanding

Please **READ** and **PLACE A CHECK MARK** next to the following statements indicating you understand the importance of **each**:

- I am currently ineligible for financial aid and am responsible for any tuition and fee charges.
- A small percentage of appeals are approved.
- This appeal will be reviewed by a committee and the decision is final.
- I should purchase my books and supplies by the first day of the semester.
- I will attend all regularly scheduled classes for each course.
- Free tutoring is available for most courses in the Library.
- Academic Advisors are available to help me prepare my class schedule each semester and assist in completing a Program Completion Plan in the Student Success – Advising Office (*TRIO students will contact the TRIO Advisor or Director for assistance with completing this Academic Success/Financial Aid Appeal form*)
- Financial Aid Officers are available to help me investigate possible financial resources.
- Student Development courses such as College Success and Career Development are available.
- Dropping a course after the refund period will negatively impact my completion ratio.
- If my GPA Requirement/Pace appeal is approved, I must earn a minimum 2.0 semester GPA and successfully complete 75% of the semester courses attempted (includes W, I, E or Z grades).
- If my Maximum Time Frame Appeal is approved, I must earn a minimum overall 2.0 grade point average and complete 100% of the courses attempted each semester on time to maintain eligibility (no W, I, E or Z grades).

Incomplete appeals will **not** be considered. Submission of this appeal form **does not** guarantee approval. The Academic Success/SAP Appeals Committee will notify you in writing of the final appeal decision.

Student Signature

Date

If you are able, please print and physically sign this form.

Please return this form to The Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@sc4.edu