

# Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements for the Retention of Financial Aid at Lake Superior State University

*If you are receiving any form of financial aid, you must meet these satisfactory academic progress requirements to retain your aid each semester.*

Financial aid regulations require that a student must make satisfactory progress to remain eligible for financial aid. Financial aid programs affected by this policy include Federal Pell Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal College Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Direct Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, State of Michigan and Institutional Scholarships, Grants, Loan and Work Programs.

The following policy is the **minimum requirement** for all types of financial aid; however, there are some types of aid with more stringent requirements (see scholarship requirements on reverse):

## Qualitative Standards - (GPA)

Every student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 each semester to remain in good academic standing. Students not meeting the standard will be placed on academic probation for one semester. Students may be granted a second probationary semester, however, students with 19 credits or more will not be granted a second probationary semester if their cumulative GPA is 1.60 or less.

This standard is enforced by the University's Scholastic Standards Committee each semester. Students who do not meet the academic standard will not be eligible for aid after their probationary period. To petition the Scholastic Standards Committee for readmission, students must follow the guidelines listed at [www.lssu.edu/advising/handbook/AAH\\_6-7-0.php](http://www.lssu.edu/advising/handbook/AAH_6-7-0.php). Students who are notified by the Scholastic Standards Committee about their academic standing should not assume that financial aid will automatically be reinstated if their petition is granted. Quantitative standard appeals must be sent separately to the Financial Aid Committee.

## Quantitative Standards - (Credits Earned)

Each student's progress in credits earned will be reviewed every semester. The following credits must be earned in relation to the number of credits enrolled at the end of the add period:

Undergraduate Students		Graduate Students	
Enrolled Credits	Credits to be Earned	Enrolled Credits	Credits to be Earned
12+	9	10+	7
11	8	9	6
10	7	8	6
9	6	7	5
8	6	6	4
7	5	5	4
6	4	4-1	100%
5-1	100%		

### 150% Completion Rule

A student must complete a degree program within the specified number of attempted hours listed in the chart at right, including transfer attempted credits:

Certificate	Within 48 attempted credit hours
LPN Certificate	Within 69 attempted credit hours
Associate	Within 93 attempted credit hours
Bachelor	Within 186 attempted credit hours
Teacher's Certificate	Within 222 attempted credit hours
Master's	Within 54 attempted graduate hours

Students who will not graduate within the attempted hour limitation should meet with an advisor and develop a graduation plan before appealing this regulation to the Financial Aid Committee.

## Financial Aid Probation

If a student does not satisfactorily meet the quantitative standard, he/she will be placed on financial aid probation for the next semester. Students may receive aid while on probation but if a student fails to meet the standard for the second consecutive semester enrolled, the financial aid will be suspended. Once financial aid is suspended, both the GPA and credit hour completion criteria must be met in subsequent semesters of six credits or more before reinstatement of aid is possible.

If completion of "I" grades or other record changes warrant a reinstatement, a copy of the transcript must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by the student before eligibility is reviewed.

## Financial Aid Suspension

No aid will be granted once a student's eligibility is suspended, including but not limited to the Federal Direct Loan, Perkins Student Loan, Federal Direct PLUS Loan, College Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Pell Grant, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Adult Part-Time Grant, Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant, Michigan Work Study, and Institutional Scholarships and Grants.

## Financial Aid Reinstatement

To remove financial aid suspension status, a student must have attained the minimum cumulative grade point average and credit-earned requirements (minimum six credit hours) at Lake Superior State University, while not receiving financial aid. Students who successfully complete 26 credits at a community college after being suspended at LSSU will be allowed one probationary semester upon readmission. Students who sit out but do not achieve 26 credits are not eligible for automatic financial aid reinstatement and must appeal. Successful students must advise the Financial Aid Office in writing that they have met the requirements for reinstatement.

## Right to Appeal

A student whose aid is suspended for quantitative reasons may request reinstatement through the Financial Aid Committee. To obtain reinstatement, the student must effectively demonstrate that their poor performance was due to some unusual circumstance. The quantitative appeal process is outlined at: [www.lssu.edu/finaid/appeals.php](http://www.lssu.edu/finaid/appeals.php). Appeal letters should be received immediately following the semester of the suspension. Appeals concerning the 150% Completion Rule must include an advisor-signed degree audit and anticipated graduation date.

**Scholarships are awarded on academic excellence and may not be reinstated by appeal.**

### SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the quantitative standards, scholarship winners must meet the following GPA requirements to maintain their awards:

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES\* DISTINGUISHED**

3.00 or better after two semesters of study

3.10 or better after four semesters of study

3.20 or better after six semesters of study

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES\*\***

2.50 or better after two semesters of study

2.60 or better after four semesters of study

2.70 or better after six semesters of study

\* Includes other renewable institutional scholarships with a value of \$4,000, full tuition or higher.

\*\*Includes other renewable institutional scholarships with a value of less than \$4,000.

**Note:** Transfer credits are included when determining "semesters of study."

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