



2017-2018 Financial Aid Appeal

Financial Aid Office
1100 N. Grand Avenue, Walnut, CA 91789

(Please type or print legibly in blue or black ink)

Student Information:

Name: _____
Last name First Name Middle

Mt. SAC ID Number: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Major: _____

Semester requesting reinstatement (Check one): ☐ Fall 2017 ☐ Spring 2018

Educational Goal (Check all that apply): ☐ Certificate ☐ Associate ☐ Transfer

Reason for Disqualification (Check all that apply):

- ☐ I have earned 150% or more of self-declared program of study
☐ Disqualified –Below 2.00 GPA ☐ Disqualified – minimum units not completed

Student Attachments (required):

- ☐ Educational plan ☐ Other Collegiate Work Transcript Evaluation
☐ Student Statement ☐ Supporting verification (ex. medical, death certificate)

Student Statement:

*Please explain the mitigating or unusual circumstances that resulted in your deficiency in meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards. **Describe in detail how these circumstances impacted or contributed towards your failure to make satisfactory academic progress (include timelines).** Explain your plan to rectify the deficiency and what you have changed to ensure academic progress. Please do not be vague; your statement is required in evaluating the appeal (attach as many pages as necessary). All attachments must have the student's name, Mt. SAC ID number, and signatures.*

Certification Statement

I certify that the submitted information is true and correct. I agree to provide additional information if requested. I understand that regulations do not allow for prior terms to be appealed. I understand that purposely providing false or misleading information violates the College's Standards of Conduct Policy and may result in denial, reduction or repayment of aid. I understand that I must adhere to any and all conditions set forth on my appeal to remain eligible for financial aid. It is my responsibility to be aware and adhere to the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MT. SAN ANTONIO College
Satisfactory Academic Progress
For federal and state financial aid programs
APPEAL INSTRUCTIONS & COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Satisfactory Academic Progress – Eligibility for financial aid requires that all applicants maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress. Academic year progress is measured after every term. In addition, the college has other academic policies. Those policies are outlined in the college catalog. The financial aid academic progress standards apply to all periods of the student's enrollment, even periods in which a student did not receive financial aid. A student that does not meet the standards will lose eligibility for financial aid. A student can appeal if extenuating circumstances exist or can reestablish eligibility by taking action that brings them into compliance with the standards. Appeals must be filed during the term of enrollment. Regulations prohibit students from appealing retroactively for prior terms. No exceptions will be made for late submissions. Your financial aid file must be complete prior to submitting an appeal.

Measures for Academic Progress:

- Maximum Time Frame & Program Completion** - Financial Aid regulations require that students complete their self-declared program of study within 150% of the time frame required of each program. However, students will be required to appeal when they reach 150% or attain a degree. **Example:** 60 units divided by 90 units = 67% or 30 units divided by 45 units = 67%.
- Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average** - All applicants are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 or better.
- Minimum Units Completed** – Students must successfully complete at least 67% of the cumulative units attempted (see chart below for examples). Courses in which a grade of "F", "NC", "IP", "I", "NP," or "W" is received do not count as successfully completed courses.
- Pace of Progression** - Will be measured at each evaluation on a cumulative basis. Pace will be measured as follows: cumulative number of units completed divided by the cumulative number of units attempted. Students are required to maintain progress at a pace of no less than 67% of the units attempted (see guidelines below).

<u>ENROLLMENT STATUS</u>	<u>UNITS ATTEMPTED</u>	<u>MINIMUM TO COMPLETE</u>
Full time	15	11
Full time	12	8
3/4 time	9	6
1/2 time	6	4
Students enrolled in less than 6 units must complete at least 67% of the cumulative units attempted; e.g. student enrolled in 4 units must complete 3 units (4 x 67%= 2.68)		

The Appeal Process –Extenuating circumstances which warrant an exception to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy may be considered by submitting an appeal. Appeals are reviewed for unusual or mitigating circumstance and are granted on a case-by-case basis. Submission of an appeal is not a guarantee that it will be approved. All appeals are assessed by the information provided. Unusual or extenuating circumstance includes injury, illness, personal crisis, change of major/objective and other circumstances. A student has the right to appear before the board. All requests must be received in writing and one week prior to board meeting date. Requests are to be submitted at the financial aid front counter. The Committee may request additional documents in evaluating an appeal. Incomplete appeals will not be processed. **All applicants will be notified of their status through the Financial Aid portal.**

Required items to file an Appeal:

- Appeal Form:** This includes a written statement which explains the circumstance that prevented the student from making academic progress and which will support a reinstatement.
- Educational Plan:** Required for all students. This document will need to be prepared by a Counselor or Advisor. All plans must be current and all the courses outlined to complete the student's educational goal. The form must be signed and dated by the Counselor or Advisor. All Evaluated Academic Transcripts of other collegiate work must be provided to the Counselor or Advisor at the meeting to have a complete plan.
- Evaluated academic transcripts:** from all other previously attended colleges. (See the Admission Office for details)
- Supporting verification:** Proof of Unusual and Mitigating Circumstances.

Appeals Committee Schedule:

<u>Appeal Review Schedule for Fall 2017*</u>	
<u>Student to Submit Appeal by:</u>	<u>Committee to Review by:</u>
August 3, 2017	August 15, 2017
August 25, 2017	September 5, 2017
September 8, 2017	September 19, 2017
September 22, 2017	October 3, 2017
October 6, 2017	October 17, 2017
October 27, 2017	November 7, 2017
November 10, 2017	November 21, 2017
November 22, 2017	December 5, 2017

<u>Appeal Review Schedule for Spring 2018*</u>	
<u>Student to Submit Appeal by:</u>	<u>Committee to Review by:</u>
January 26, 2018	February 6, 2018
February 9, 2018	February 20, 2018
February 23, 2018	March 6, 2018
March 9, 2018	March 20, 2018
March 23, 2018	April 3, 2018
April 6, 2018	April 17, 2018
April 20, 2018	May 1, 2018
May 4, 2018	May 15, 2018
May 25, 2018	June 5, 2018

*All dates are subject to change.