



# 2011-2012 SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS APPEAL FORM [CONT.]

## FINANCIAL AID STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC PROGRESS

**THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965**, as amended, requires Xavier University to develop and enforce standards of satisfactory academic progress prior to awarding any federal financial aid funds to students. Standards of satisfactory academic progress were established to encourage students to successfully complete courses for which federal financial aid is received, and to progress satisfactorily toward degree completion.

The standards apply to the following financial aid programs: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant [FSEOG], National Academic Competitiveness Grant [ACG], National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent [SMART] Grant, Federal Work Study, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Stafford Loan, Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students [PLUS] and Xavier funds. These financial aid standards of academic progress are separate from, and in addition to, academic standards required by the University for continued enrollment.

The criteria used to determine academic progress are: grade point average [GPA], annual completion rate and maximum timeframe for completion of educational objective. At the end of spring semester, the Office of Financial Aid reviews students' progress during the previous three semesters. All periods of enrollment are reviewed, including semesters during which no financial aid was received.

### QUALITATIVE REQUIREMENT - GRADE POINT AVERAGE [GPA]

#### Undergraduate

- Students who have not yet completed two academic years must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.75.
- Students who have already completed two academic years must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Students must successfully complete classes with grades A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D- or S.

#### Graduate

- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8.
- Students must successfully complete classes with grades A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+ or C.

### QUANTITATIVE REQUIREMENT - ANNUAL COMPLETION RATE

Undergraduate and graduate students must successfully **complete a minimum of 67 percent of the credit hours attempted each academic year**. "Attempted hours" are hours for which a charge was incurred, excluding audited hours. The academic year begins with the Summer Sessions semester and ends with spring semester.

### MAXIMUM TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION OF EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Undergraduate students must complete their degree program within 150 percent of the published length of their degree program. For example, if a major requires 120 credit hours to graduate, a student could not receive financial aid beyond 180 credits attempted (including transfer hours) whether or not financial aid was received for those credits. Information about alternative loan programs to help students finance their education if they intend to remain at Xavier University may be found at [www.xavier.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate-aid/loans.cfm](http://www.xavier.edu/financial-aid/undergraduate-aid/loans.cfm).



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