

2022-2023 Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Academic Scholarships

Butler Community College requires students receiving Academic Scholarships (i.e.: Deans, Presidential, Academic Excellence or Val-Sal) to be degree seeking and maintain "satisfactory academic progress." The Financial Aid Office measures progress at the end of each semester according to two factors: a semester and overall grade point average (GPA) and enrollment and completion of credit hours. Students **cannot** appeal a suspension of Academic Scholarships. Any student offered Academic Scholarships prior to the 2022-2023 academic year will fall under the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy that was in affect at that time.

Requirements:

For students with a Deans Scholarship, a 3.0 semester and overall GPA are required to retain eligibility each fall/spring semester. For students with a Presidential Scholarship, a 3.5 semester and overall GPA are required to retain eligibility each fall/spring semester. For students with a Val-Sal or Academic Excellence Scholarship, a 3.5 semester and overall GPA are required to retain eligibility each fall/spring/summer semester. Remedial hours are not included in the GPA calculation for Academic Scholarship purposes.

For all Academic Scholarships, students must enroll and complete 12 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters. Summer enrollment is optional with no minimum enrollment requirement for the Val-Sal and Academic Excellence scholarships. Student's enrolled for summer scholarships must complete all enrolled classes to retain eligibility. Deans and Presidential Scholarships are not available for summer. Recipients cannot use audit hours to meet scholarship requirements. A grade of "I", "NR", "WD", or "WT" does not count as hours completed for scholarship purposes. Student's enrolled in the nursing program need to contact the Financial Aid office for enrollment requirements

Suspension:

If a student receiving an Academic Scholarship does not have the required semester or cumulative GPA as listed under Requirements for their scholarship, then their Academic Scholarship will be suspended. Students with college credit hours (concurrent or summer) prior to receiving an Academic Scholarship may have the appropriate semester GPA but lose their Academic Scholarship based on their overall GPA. Student's that have been suspended from their Academic Scholarship can regain eligibility if they meet the requirements listed under reinstatement.

Reinstatement:

If a student has a grade change, (i.e.: "I" or incomplete is updated to a grade, "NR" or non-recorded is updated to a grade, teacher posted wrong grade then updates with a correct grade) then the student needs to contact the Financial Aid Office to have their GPA recalculated. If the recalculation shows that the student now meets the requirements, the scholarship will be reinstated. Students that are placed on suspension have the opportunity to regain eligibility by completing 12 hours in the following semesters with an overall and term GPA of 3.0 or greater for the Deans Scholarship or 3.5 or greater for the Presidential, Academic Excellence or Val-Sal Scholarship. Students that believe they have met the reinstatement requirements need to contact the Financial Aid Office.

Loss of Eligibility:

Students that fail to enroll full time in all semesters included on the award letter will forfeit their scholarship. Students that transfer, stop attending or are less than full time during a fall or spring semester forfeit the remainder of their Academic Scholarship. Summer classes taken at another college do not count for forfeiture but can affect the overall GPA and could lead to suspension. Students that graduate or are no longer degree seeking lose eligibility for Academic Scholarships. Students that reach their maximum number of semesters lose eligibility. Deans/Presidential scholarships are a maximum of 4 fall/spring semesters. Academic Excellence and Val-Sal Scholarships are a maximum of 5 fall/spring semesters and 2 summer semesters.

Late Applicants:

If the first scholarship disbursement will occur after a student completes a regularly enrolled fall or spring semester, they must have at least a 3.0 overall GPA to receive the Deans Scholarship or a 3.5 overall GPA to receive the Presidential, Academic Excellence or Val-Sal Scholarship.

Satisfactory Academic Policy Examples:

- 1) A student with an Academic Excellence Scholarship takes 1 credit hour in the summer. The student completes that class with a "B" which gives them a 3.0 GPA for the semester. The student is suspended from the Academic Excellence Scholarship. If the student completes 12 hours in the fall with a 3.5 or better overall and term GPA, they can contact the Financial Aid office to request the reinstatement of their scholarship.
- 2) A student with a Presidential Scholarship takes 6 credit hours in the summer. The student fails the classes. The student then takes 12 credit hours on scholarship in the fall and completes 12 credit hours with a 3.5 GPA. The student's overall GPA is now a 2.33. The student is now suspended from the Presidential Scholarship for the spring semester. The student has the opportunity to regain eligibility by completing the spring semester with a 3.5 overall and term GPA.
- 3) A student with a Presidential Scholarship and a student with a Deans Scholarship complete 12 credit hours in the fall with a 3.0 semester and overall GPA. For spring, the student with the Deans Scholarship will still receive the Deans scholarship but the student with the Presidential Scholarship will be suspended from the Presidential Scholarship. Both students only enroll in 11 hours during the spring. The Deans Scholarship will not disburse and both students will lose eligibility and forfeit the remainder of the scholarship.
- 4) A student that is enrolled in the fall does not apply for scholarships until after August 1st. The student is offered the Deans Scholarship for the spring semester. The student completes 12 credit hours in the fall with a 2.5 overall GPA. The student is not eligible to receive an Academic Scholarship in the spring. The student will not be eligible for the Deans Scholarship until they have an overall 3.0 GPA with continued full-time enrollment.

This policy and eligibility requirements are only regarding the following Academic Scholarships: Deans, Presidential, Val-Sal and Academic Excellence. Please refer to the individual scholarship requirements for Foundation, Athletic or Activity Scholarships.