1. A student is required to maintain satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid. Satisfactory progress has two components, quality and quantity.

- The quality of satisfactory academic progress will be measured by cumulative grade point average (GPA) from the beginning of enrollment at Columbus Technical College and will be monitored at the end of each term. To satisfy the quality standard, you must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA. (REMINDER: You must have a 2.0 GPA in order to graduate from Columbus Technical College). Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 will be placed on financial aid warning. Students can receive financial aid for one term on warning. However, if the cumulative GPA is below 2.0 for two consecutive terms (two terms in a row) or if the student withdraws two consecutive terms (two terms in a row), all financial aid will be suspended. The quality of satisfactory academic progress will be monitored at the end of each term by reviewing students’ grade reports.

  *Cumulative means all grades received at Columbus Technical College.

- Quantitative satisfactory academic progress is defined as the completion of at least 67 percent of the cumulative credit hours on which the payment of financial aid was based. Completion of credit hours will include those whose grades are A, B, C and D. Grades of F, WF, WP, W, or I (Incomplete) will not be considered complete hours. Failure to complete at least 67 percent of the scheduled cumulative credit hours will place the student in a warning status. Students will be able to receive financial aid on a warning status for one term. Failure to complete at least 67 percent of the cumulative credit hours for two consecutive terms will place the student on financial aid probation whereby the student will not receive financial aid for the next term of attendance. Quantitative satisfactory academic progress will be monitored at the end of each term by reviewing students’ grade reports.

  *Cumulative means all credit hours attempted at Columbus Technical College.

2. Students must complete their program of study within a maximum frame of no more than 150 percent of the required length of the program.

3. Federal regulations governing the Pell Grant Program states that non-credit remedial courses cannot be covered by the Grant unless the student is enrolled in an eligible program at the school and the remedial coursework is required by the school.

4. Students who become ineligible to receive financial aid have the right to appeal by submitting the required documentation in the Financial Aid Office.

5. The school may consider individual mitigating circumstances in determining a student’s satisfactory progress. Mitigating circumstances can include personal injury, student illness, death of a relative or undue hardship as the result of special circumstances. These mitigating circumstances are considered through appeals, and students should contact the Financial Aid Office to begin the appeal process.

POLICY FOR RE-ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO MAINTAIN SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Students placed on financial aid suspension may re-establish eligibility as follows: complete one or more terms without financial aid; maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA; and successfully complete 67 percent of cumulative credit hours.

POLICY FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer credits are included in the cumulative GPA calculation (described above) and the 67 percent calculation (described above).