



Helpful Hints: Satisfactory Academic Progress

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for supported organizations to confirm that their scholars meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirement to receive reimbursement funding from Prosperity Denver Fund.

What is the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirement?

Scholars must have met Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), as defined by their specific postsecondary institution, for the academic year being reimbursed. You must submit this information to PDF annually for each scholar whom you are requesting reimbursement.

What is Satisfactory Academic Progress?

Per federal regulations, students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to remain eligible for federal student aid. SAP considers both grade point average and progress towards completing enough coursework to graduate within a specified period.

Each post-secondary institution has their own SAP policy and standards. The Federal Student Aid Office has outlined what can be found in SAP policies here:

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/staying-eligible#satisfactory-academic-progress>

How can your scholars demonstrate that they are meeting their college's Satisfactory Academic Progress standard?

1. You may request from your scholars an official letter, statement, or form from their postsecondary institution for confirmation of Satisfactory Academic Progress. They might be able to obtain this from their institution's financial aid office or registrar's office.
2. If the institution provides a form for confirmation of SAP standing, the scholar may provide that completed form to you.
3. If the scholar provides you with a copy of their official transcript for the prior academic year, you may be able to determine their Satisfactory Academic Progress standing using the guidelines provided on the institution's website. This option is less reliable than direct confirmation of SAP standing from their institution, so should be used only if the other options are unavailable.