

# FINANCIAL AID

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TWU maintains an Office of Financial Aid (<http://www.twu.edu/finaid>) which provides financial assistance to qualified students. Aid may be awarded in the form of work, grants, loans, assistantships, scholarships or some combination of these. In order to assure that a student's financial aid is available at registration, the following application deadlines must be followed:

Academic Scholarships	March 15
Summer Financial Aid	March 15
Fall/Spring Financial Aid	March 15
Spring Financial Aid	September 1

Applications received after these dates will be processed on a funds-available basis. Late applicants should be aware that funds may not be available as early as they are needed for payment of tuition, fees, and related educational expenses.

Federal law requires that institutions of higher education monitor the academic progress of students who receive federal financial aid. In order to remain eligible for federal, state and some institutional financial aid, students must comply with Texas Woman's University's standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). All undergraduate and graduate students will be evaluated for SAP at the end of every semester. All hours attempted are evaluated through the SAP evaluation. This includes transfer credits, remedial courses, repeated courses, courses dropped after census date, and courses with grades that do not represent successful completion such as F, I, W, WP, WF, and # which can have an adverse effect on a student's SAP evaluation.

## SAP Requirements

### Minimum GPA

A graduate student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00.

### Minimum Pace

A student must successfully complete at least 66.67% of the credit hours they attempt cumulatively and each term.

### Maximum Timeframe

A student may attempt no more than 150% of the credit hours required by his or her degree program.

## Failure to Meet SAP Requirements

### Financial Aid Warning

A graduate student who does not meet SAP requirements will be placed on Financial Aid Warning which allows the student to receive financial aid for one additional semester. The student will be monitored for SAP again at the end of the warning period.

### Financial Aid Suspension

A graduate student who fails to meet SAP requirements after Financial Aid Warning is placed on Financial Aid Suspension and is not eligible to receive financial aid without a successful appeal. Should the student not wish to appeal, the student must meet SAP requirements before aid

eligibility can be re-established. An appeal process is available for the student who experienced any of the following:

- a personal injury or illness
- death of a close relative
- other circumstances that affect the ability to meet SAP

## Appealing Suspension

A student who wishes to appeal must obtain a "Suspension Appeal Request" form from the Financial Aid Office. The completed form, plus any supporting documentation, must be submitted to either the TWU Denton Financial Aid Office, 2nd Floor, Administrative Conference Tower (ACT), the TWU One Stop Center at the Dallas or Houston campuses, or emailed to [finaid@twu.edu](mailto:finaid@twu.edu). Financial aid will only be awarded if an appeal is approved. A student with an approved appeal will be placed on Financial Aid Probation and will be evaluated again at the end of the probation term to see if SAP requirements have been met. If the requirements are not met, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension until the SAP requirements are met. The students may appeal the Financial Aid Suspension.

The deadlines for students to submit an appeal are as follows:

Summer aid: June 15th  
 Fall aid: September 15th  
 Spring aid: February 15th

## Academic Plans

Appeals may be approved outright or may be approved with an academic plan. In either case, should the appeal be approved, students will be allowed to receive financial aid for a probationary semester.

At the completion of the probationary semester, the student whose appeal was approved without an academic plan will be reviewed for SAP. If the student is still not meeting SAP requirements, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension and will be ineligible for financial aid. The student may appeal Financial Aid Suspension.

The student who was placed on an academic plan will be reviewed for SAP at the end of the probationary semester. If the student is still not meeting SAP requirements as stated in the academic plan, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension and will be ineligible for financial aid. Students may appeal Financial Aid Suspension.

## Denied Appeals

If the student's appeal is denied, the student will be ineligible for financial aid until the student meets the SAP requirements.

## SAP Status Notifications

Students who lose financial aid eligibility will be notified by email to their TWU email address.