Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form (Undergraduate)

Student's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
USC ID  
VIP ID  
Address  
City, State  
Zip Code  
Home Phone Number (Area Code First)  
Cell Phone Number (Area Code First)  

It has been determined that you are ineligible to receive financial aid because you did not meet the University’s requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). You may continue to attend classes at your own expense, or you may appeal to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships if you have mitigating circumstances. Examples of these circumstances include, but are not limited to, illness, death in the family, working on a second degree, or military service.

If you wish to appeal, please follow the instructions below:

1. Indicate the type of appeal you are submitting (check all that apply):

- Maximum Timeframe – Explain why you have exceeded the number of credit hours required for graduation from your program of study.
- Minimum GPA – Explain why you do not have the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Completion Rate (Pace) – Explain why you were unable to complete at least 67% of all hours attempted at USC and/or other institutions.

2. Submit a Letter of Explanation:
Submit a signed letter of explanation according to the instructions for each reason you checked. Your explanation must include: 1) the nature of the problem, 2) the date the problem occurred, 3) how the problem affected your academic performance during the time period you failed to meet SAP at USC, and 4) steps you have taken to prevent the problem from occurring again.

3. Submit Supporting Documentation:
Submit a signed letter of support to confirm the information stated in your appeal. This should be a letter from a friend or family member who knows your situation. The letter should verify the nature of your problem, the effect it had on your studies, and the arrangements you have made to resolve your SAP issue(s).

- If your GPA is below a 2.0, you must also submit an Academic Plan from Academic Success Coaching. To create the Academic Plan for your Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal, visit Academic Success Coaching at [http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/academic_coaching/index.php](http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/academic_coaching/index.php) or contact their office at 803-777-1222 for an appointment.
- If your GPA is below a 1.9 or your completion rate is below 65%, you are also required to complete a SAP Plan Contract. Contact Academic Success Coaching to complete this contract.
- If you have exceeded your timeframe, you must also provide an advisor’s statement on departmental letterhead detailing the classes and the number of credit hours needed to complete your degree.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING:

_____ I understand submission of this appeal is only a request and does not guarantee financial aid eligibility reinstatement.
Initials

_____ I understand I am currently not eligible for financial aid and I am responsible for all University charges.
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_____ I understand that if my appeal is approved, I must follow the conditions that are established.
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_____ I understand that I cannot re-appeal for the same circumstance if I fail to meet the conditions of my appeal.
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_____ I understand that my appeal will not be processed until all documentation has been submitted, and review could take up to 14 business days.
Initials

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

FALL 2017
July 17, 2017- Priority Deadline: If you submit your complete appeal by this date, your appeal will be processed by the fall fee payment deadline. Appeals received after November 20 will not be reviewed for Fall 2017.

SPRING 2018
November 13, 2017- Priority Deadline: If you submit your complete appeal by this date, your appeal will be processed by the spring fee payment deadline. Appeals received after April 10 will not be reviewed for Spring 2018.

SUMMER 2018
May 19, 2018- Any appeals received after this date will not be reviewed for Summer 2018.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form. I certify that all information on and submitted with my appeal is true and correct. I will provide additional information if requested by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Student Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________________________

Review: All appeals MUST include the following:

1. Appeal Form
2. Signed Letter of Explanation
3. Required Supporting Documentation