

## RICH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

Students who have applied for federal financial aid funds are required to make satisfactory progress in order to receive those funds. Satisfactory academic progress must be demonstrated each semester regardless of whether or not a student previously received aid. The first semester a student fails to complete the minimum hours required or fails to maintain the minimum grade levels as stated below, he/she will be placed on probation for financial aid purposes only and may receive federal aid for one additional semester. If the student has not established grade levels or minimum credit hours in compliance with this policy after the additional semester, financial aid will be revoked. Any student who withdraws from all classes during the semester or receives a 1.00 GPA will be suspended and will not be able to apply for financial aid until they complete one semester with satisfactory academic progress. If a student does not meet the satisfactory progress standard established, he/she must attend one or more semesters without financial aid until the required standard is met. Students enrolled in developmental courses are allowed a maximum of 30 attempted credit hours to remain on federal aid. Developmental course work is counted toward quantitative (number of hours complete) process and is calculated into the cumulative GPA.

All classes pursued at previous institution(s) will be used in the determination of satisfactory academic progress for federal financial aid purposes. W's, NF's and I's and grades of Audit are included in this count.

Students are considered to be making satisfactory progress if they:

- Are admitted and enrolled in a degree or certificate-granting program, or enrolled in a course of study that is directly transferable toward completion of a baccalaureate or professional degree. Full-time enrollment is required for some aid programs. A student's official enrollment status will be determined on the 11th day of enrollment each semester.

### QUALITATIVE ELIGIBILITY

- A student must maintain the following minimum cumulative grade-point averages to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Hours Attempted	Minimum GPA
1-15	1.50
16-29	1.75
30-over	2.00

### QUANTITATIVE ELIGIBILITY

- A student must successfully complete (pass), as a minimum, the hours of credit indicated below.

Enrollment Status	Semester Hours	Minimum Hours Completed	Yearly Hours Completed
Full-Time	12 or more	10	20
Three-Quarter Time	9-11	8	16
Half-Time	6-8	5	10

Students may receive financial aid up to a maximum of 90 credit hours while pursuing a two-year degree or certificate providing the time frame does not exceed (for full-time student) (6) six semesters. Students attending part-time will be given the equivalent time allowed full time students (12 hours for 6 semesters). The year in college for transfer students will be computed for periods of enrollment at other institutions on the same basis as for students enrolled at RMCC irrespective of the transferability of the courses.

- When a student is dropped from federal aid eligibility, he/she must bring in an up-to-date transcript and request reinstatement after the satisfactory progress standard is reached. Students who do not maintain satisfactory progress and who are denied aid may file an appeal which will be forwarded to the VP for Student Affairs if extenuating circumstances exist. The appeal will be evaluated by the VP for Student Affairs. Appeals to the Satisfactory Progress Policy must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the time that the student is notified of his/her non-compliance.

Students receiving the grades of "F" for RMCC purposes were in attendance, but did not pass the course. If the student receives all "NF" grades, then for Financial Aid purposes the Return to Title IV calculation will be completed for these students. Students with all "NF" grades will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension.

### **Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) Requirements**

First and second year students – must maintain a 3.00 GPA and be enrolled full time. First year amount is \$750 and second year amount is \$1,300.