

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

You must meet certain eligibility requirements to qualify for federal student aid (grants, loans, and work-study). Click the link below to learn about the basic eligibility criteria.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements>

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

Remember, the basic eligibility criteria that allows you to get federal student aid continue to apply throughout the time you're receiving aid—not just when you first fill out the FAFSA form and are awarded aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

You need to make satisfactory academic progress in order to continue receiving federal student aid. In other words, you have to make good enough grades, and complete enough classes (credits, hours, etc.), to keep moving toward successfully completing your degree or certificate in a time period that's acceptable to the institution.

- what grade-point average you need to maintain;
- how quickly you need to be moving toward graduation (for instance, how many credits you should have successfully completed by the end of each year);
- how an incomplete class, withdrawal, repeated class, change of major, or transfer of credits from another school affects your satisfactory academic progress;
- how often your progress is evaluated;
- what will happen if you fail to make satisfactory academic progress;
- whether you are allowed to appeal the decision that you haven't made satisfactory academic progress (reasons for appeal usually include the death of a member of your family, your illness or injury, or other special circumstances); and
- how you can regain eligibility (<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/regain>) for federal student aid.

The institution's Satisfactory Progress policy can be found in the institution's catalog at:

<https://www.wvjc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/BridgeportCatalog.pdf>

Fill Out the FAFSA® Form Each Year

When you [fill out the FAFSA form](#), you are applying for aid for a specific year. In order to receive aid the next year, you'll need to submit that next year's FAFSA form. Luckily, the [FAFSA website](#) makes it easy for you by allowing you to submit a Renewal FAFSA form that remembers certain information you reported the year before and places it in your new FAFSA form.