

## OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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# **TEXAS Grant Hardship Policy**

As per State Regulation 19 TAC, Section §22.231, no student enrolled for fewer than six credit hours may receive a TEXAS Grant award. In addition, a student who is not meeting TEXAS Grant requirements, enrolled in less than 9 hours, or has reached the maximum timeframe of 150 attempted credit hours is not eligible for TEXAS Grant award. However, in the event of a hardship, a student can appeal their TEXAS Grant eligibility. Such conditions are not limited to but include:

- A showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that may affect the students' academic performance
- An indication that the student is responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and that the students' provision of care may affect his or her academic performance
- The death of a family member or close family friend affected his or her academic performance
- The requirement of fewer than nine hours to complete one's degree plan
- Student took concurrent enrollment which caused them to exceed the maximum timeframe cap
  - o Courses counting towards degree will remain while fall-through courses will be excluded

Students are encouraged to provide a personal statement explaining the circumstance(s) that support the school year the student became deficient and why academic progress was not met along with supporting documentation that you would like the committee to consider when reviewing your appeal. There is no minimum or maximum on length of personal statement.

Appeals based solely on financial and/or emotional needs without sufficient documentation will not be approved. Work is not considered a hardship since financial aid is viewed as a supplement to student income in order to help reduce the number of hours the average student would have to work in any given week. It is the responsibility of the student to successfully complete all classes enrolled. Please remember that dropping a class, failing a class, or withdrawing from a class is a personal decision made by the student. If you do not meet one of the above reasons, you are not eligible for an appeal.

## Texas Grant Academic Requirements for Renewal TEXAS Grant Recipients:

- 24 "new" credit hours must be completed each academic year (repeat courses that were previously passed with a letter grade of "D" or higher will not be counted)
- 2.50 cumulative institutional GPA

#### **Texas Grant Academic Requirements for Initial TEXAS Grant Recipients:**

• GPA: 2.0 <

Completion Rate: 67% <</li>

NOTE: Students have until the Census date of that term they are appealing for to submit a TEXAS Grant Appeal.

### **Important Information**

As per HB 1922 (Subtitle A, Title 5, Government Code, Chapter 559), it is the policy of the state that an individual is entitled, on request, to receive, review and/or correct any information about the individual, which has been submitted to Texas A&M University - Kingsville, with few exceptions. The information Texas A&M University - Kingsville collects will be retained and maintained as required by Texas records retention laws (Section 441.180 et seq. of the Texas Government Code) and rules.