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Bachelor's Degree Max Credit Review to Extend Federal Financial Aid Eligibility

Name:_____ UM ID#:_____Phone#:_____

Major:_____ Option:_____

Students receiving federal financial aid must adhere to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, which mandates timely progression towards degree or certificate completion within an established timeframe. Undergraduates who exceed the designated threshold, typically aligned with or marginally above their program's duration, will face suspension of financial aid eligibility. To reassess eligibility and potentially resume aid, affected students are required to submit an appeal form. This initiates a review process to determine if they may receive federal financial aid for the remaining portion of their academic journey. Comprehensive details regarding this policy, including the maximum timeframe criteria, are accessible on the "Maintaining Eligibility" page of the University of Montana's financial aid website at www.umt.edu/finaid.

Special Notes:

- Students can only receive aid for courses required for their program which usually includes an option but not a minor.
- Students enrolled in dual degrees or dual majors must complete the requirements for one of the degrees in the required time frame. Once the requirements for one bachelor's degree have been met the student will be treated as a post-baccalaureate student for aid purposes regardless of whether they formally apply for graduation for their degree.
- Students who appeal and have their eligibility extended are expected to complete their degree within their revised credit limit. If the student does not pass all their classes or does not complete their degree within the extended credit limit because they take additional course work not required for their degree, they may need to appeal to extend their credit limit again and may not receive approval under the revised plan.
- If a student only has one remaining course that is less than six credits, they will not be eligible for federal student loans for that semester so students should plan accordingly.
- There are limits to the number of terms a student can receive a federal Pell Grant and to the amount that a student can borrow through the Federal Direct Student Loan program. If those limits are reached, a student is no longer eligible for aid from that program even if overall federal aid eligibility is reinstated.
- If a student has reached the max credit threshold and they are also on financial aid suspension, they should submit both this Max Credit Form *and* the SAP Appeal Form. The Max Credit Form will be reviewed first. If the student can still complete the degree within the required time frame, then the SAP appeal will be reviewed.

Student Certification:

1) I certify that by submitting this form I am requesting that my eligibility for financial aid be reviewed based on the current academic program listed at the top of this form.

2) I hereby certify that I have recently consulted with my advisor. Together, we have examined the details of my Degree Works plan within GrizPortal, and I confirm the accuracy of the information presented.
   a. ***TIP:*** *For Maximum Timeframe appeals, the financial aid office relies on Degree Works data. Ensure your Degree Works profile is up-to-date and accurate. For instance, any changes to major requirements should be updated in Degree Works by your academic advisor or department before submitting an appeal. Moreover, all courses—whether completed or in progress—that fulfill a Major Requirement, including substitutions and transfer credits, must be accurately reflected in Degree Works.*

3) I have read the information on this form and understand that erroneous or inaccurate information may put aid eligibility at risk in both the current and future semesters.

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Student Signature Date