Satisfactory Academic Progress

PURPOSE: To Outline the Relationship of Financial Awards and Academic Performance
SCOPE: Candidates for the Doctor of Medicine Degree (M.D.)

DEFINITIONS:
Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is defined as the progression through our curriculum as set forth within the Grading and Promotions Policy:

C. Standing of Students
Students are placed into one of the following two categories based upon their academic performance:

1. In Good academic standing
   The student:
   • has completed satisfactorily the requirements of all courses/clerkships of all previous years, and
   • has passed any USMLE examinations required to be taken to complete a curricular phase.

2. Not in Good academic standing
   The student:
   • has not fulfilled the requirements of one or more courses/clerkships of a previous year, or
   • has not passed U.S. Medical Licensure Examination (USMLE) Step 1, Step 2CK or Step 2CS examinations by the second attempt.

PROCEDURE:

In order to receive federal financial aid, students must demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward the attainment of their medical degree. SAP will be reviewed at the end of every academic year.

• If a student is failing SAP at the end of the academic year, federal aid will be revoked going forward until the student is back in good academic standing. Or, the student can appeal, and if approved, the student can be placed on financial aid PROBATION for the upcoming academic year.
• The Financial Aid Committee will determine whether or not the student is granted PROBATION with another academic year of federal aid. If the student is placed on an academic plan by the Academic Standing Committee, the student can continue to receive federal aid as long as the student follows the academic plan set forth by the Academic Standing Committee. The academic plan option is determined by the Academic Standing Committee on a case by case basis.
• CMSRU Financial Aid Office must follow all SAP guidelines as set forth by federal regulations.