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## **2021-2022 Merit Scholarship Renewal Policy**

Warren Wilson College awards merit scholarships at the time of admission to qualified incoming first-year and transfer students only. These scholarships are available for renewal for up to four years and as long as the student remains full-time each semester to progress toward earning their degree. Students who exceed an undergraduate degree timeframe of four years should speak with the Financial Aid Office regarding renewal until their degree is completed. Merit scholarships are renewed as long as the student maintains full-time enrollment, maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress, and does not go on academic probation. Warren Wilson College defines full-time as 12 hours each semester.

### **Revision of your Merit Scholarship if you placed on academic probation:**

The Financial Aid Office will review the student's grades and full-time status from the Academic Affairs office each semester. If a student is placed on academic probation in any given semester, the student will lose their merit scholarship for that semester. During this continued mid-year evaluation, these students will be informed by email and/or on their Net Partner account of our required standards and the status of their merit scholarship. These students will also be referred by the Financial Aid Office to the Academic Support Office for further consultation to help the student remain full-time and stay off academic probation. Students who are placed on academic warning should note this may eventually affect their merit scholarship renewal if their academic performance does not improve. A student must make a formal request to the Financial Aid Office to earn their full merit scholarship back once they are removed from academic probation.

### **Revision of your Merit Scholarship if you are not making SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress):**

The Financial Aid Office reviews progress for every student after each semester. If a student is not making SAP and is placed on Financial Aid Warning, no aid is reduced or revised during your FA Warning semester. If during your FA Warning semester, you do not make SAP, you will be placed on FA Probation, in which you will be required to submit an appeal with documentation and an academic plan developed by you and the Academic Support Office. If you do not make SAP during your FA Probation semester, then you will be placed on FA Suspension and will lose all aid eligibility; federal, state, and institutional.

### **Appeal Process:**

If a student is in their fourth year at WWC and will be attending past that timeframe to fully earn their degree, the student must notify the Financial Aid Office to request an extension of their merit scholarship. A required email/letter from the Registrar will be requested by the Financial Aid Office to document when the student will be graduating. Even if a student is part-time during that last semester, our office will calculate the part-time amount the student can receive in their merit scholarships to help the student graduate. The formula used will be; total merit scholarship amount for one semester divided by 12 hours (full-time); that amount is then multiplied by the total hours the student must complete in order to receive their degree. For example, if a student is in 6 hours and only has this remaining to graduate, the student will be eligible to receive the equivalent of 6 hours their merit scholarship amount.