

FINANCIAL AID ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Extenuating Circumstances Appeal

If it is determined that you will not be able to successfully complete the courses or were unable to successfully complete coursework in a past semester due to extenuating circumstances, there could be impacts to your Financial Aid eligibility.

When you withdraw from a course:

- The course remains on your academic record, but with a “W” for a grade
- You are still charged the tuition and fees for the course, even if you stop attending or participating
- Your financial aid will not adjust
- A ‘W’ does not affect your GPA but does impact your overall course completion rate

When you fail a course:

- The course remains on your academic record, but with a “F” for a grade
- You are still charged the tuition and fees for the course, even if you stop attending or participating
- Your financial aid will not adjust
- An “F” does impact your cumulative GPA and does impact your overall course completion rate

Please read through the following information to understand the impacts of withdrawing.

_____ Through this appeal process, your grades may be changed to Administrative Withdrawals (AW). This grade will appear on your transcript but will not count toward your overall GPA. It will count toward your course completion rate.

_____ Front Range Community College is required by the U.S. Department of Education to take a series of actions once we determine that you stopped attending a course(s) during a term in which you received federal student aid. When you stop attending, you and the college are only allowed to keep/use the portion of the funds **earned based upon the number of days you attended compared to the total number of days you were scheduled to attend**. This process is called a Return of Title IV funds calculation. A letter is sent to you once your grades for the term are posted to clarify the amount you **may** owe and what you would be required to return back to FRCC.

_____ If a Tuition Credit Scholarship is awarded to you, it can be used only toward a **future** semester of tuition at FRCC but cannot be used to pay off balance owed and will not be issued until pending balance is resolved.

_____ Satisfactory Academic Progress is determined at the end of each term a student is enrolled within. A student’s entire academic history is considered, including terms when financial aid was not received. Students **must pass at least one class a semester** and maintain:

- a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above and
- cumulative course completion rate of 67% or above and
- complete their degree/certificate prior to attempting 150% of the number of credits needed for their degree/certificate.

Any courses that you withdraw from or fail will affect your overall cumulative eligibility. **You may also have to complete a separate appeal with the Financial Aid Office if it is determined you have become ineligible for financial aid.**

_____ Even though you started the semester with enough credits to defer your loans, your grace period and/or repayment status may begin now that you are no longer participating in courses or have withdrawn mid-semester.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please see your campus financial aid advisor.