

## Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Standards for New York State Financial Aid

New York State financial aid regulations require Onondaga Community College to follow Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards for the continued receipt of New York State financial aid. These requirements differ from those established for Federal Financial Aid.

<b>New York State Financial Aid Includes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)</li><li>• Part-time TAP</li><li>• Aid for Part Time Study (APTS)</li><li>• New York State Memorial Scholarships</li><li>• Other Scholarships</li><li>• Veteran and Child of Veteran Tuition Awards</li></ul>
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These standards ensure that only those recipients demonstrating satisfactory progress toward the completion of their educational program continue to receive New York State financial aid. In order for students to maintain their eligibility for New York state grants and scholarships, they must meet these general guidelines.

### **1. FIRST AWARD YEAR AND PAYMENT POINTS**

The student's First Award Year (FAY) is the academic year when the student first received a New York State award. The first award year determines which SAP progress chart the student must follow in order to remain in satisfactory academic progress for New York State financial aid.

New York State has implemented two charts to measure academic progress. Chart #1 measures progress for students with a FAY before 2010. This same chart is also used to measure progress for students who are defined as "remedial" or who are enrolled in Onondaga's EOP program, regardless of their FAY. Chart #2 is used to measure progress for students with a FAY of 2010 or greater who are not defined as "remedial" and who are not enrolled in Onondaga's EOP program.

Note: "Remedial" students are students who were enrolled in at least six semester hours of non-credit remedial courses in the first term in which they received a TAP award.

A payment points value is assigned each time a student receives an award from New York State. A full-time award utilizes six points, and a part-time award utilizes three points. Knowing the student's payment points will help him/her to determine where he/she falls on the New York State progress chart.

### **2. CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED IN THE PRIOR SEMESTER**

This is also called "*Program Pursuit*." Depending on how many payment points the student has accumulated, he/she is required to complete a certain number of credits in the prior semester, with a passing or failing grade. Non-credit remedial credits are included to determine program pursuit.

### **3. CUMULATIVE CREDIT HOURS EARNED**

Depending on how many points the student has, he/she is required to have accumulated a specific number of credits in order to maintain their academic progress for a New York state award. Non-credit remedial credits are not included when determining cumulative credit hours earned.

### **4. GPA**

New York State requires each student to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average. Again, the GPA requirement is different depending on how many points the student has, and where he/she lands on the chart.

# TAP SAP CHARTS

The following TAP SAP charts summarize the components of the New York State SAP requirements. If a student knows the # of earned payment points and their FAY, it's easy to evaluate current and future academic progress.

## CHART #1

The below chart applies to students with a First Award Year (FAY) prior to 2010 and/or students defined as "Remedial" and/or EOP Students.

New York State Award Points Earned	# of New York State Award Payments Already Acquired	Completed Credits in the Prior Semester with a Passing or Failing Grade, where a New York State Scholarship was Paid. Can include Remedials. (Pursuit)	Cumulative Credits Earned at OCC. Cannot include Remedials. (Progress)	Required Cumulative GPA at Onondaga Community College	Next New York State Award Payment To Be Earned
6	1	6	3	.5	2
12	2	6	9	.75	3
18	3	9	18	1.3	4
24	4	9	30	2.0	5
30	5	12	45	2.0	6
*36	6	12	60	2.0	7
**42	7	12	75	2.0	8

### Notes:

- If the student's FAY is greater than or equal to 2010 AND the student was enrolled in at least 6 remedial credits during their first semester with a TAP award (whether OCC or another school), then the student can be held to the above chart.
- If the student's FAY is less than 2010, then the student is held to the above TAP chart.
- If the student's FAY is greater than or equal to 2010 AND the student is enrolled in EOP at Onondaga Community College, the student is held to the above TAP chart.

## CHART #2

The below chart applies to students with a First Award Year (FAY) equal to 2010 and thereafter. This chart does not apply to students defined as "Remedial" or EOP Students at Onondaga Community College.

New York State Award Points Earned	# of New York State Award Payments Already Acquired	Completed Credits in the Prior Semester with a Passing or Failing Grade, where a New York State Scholarship was Paid. Can include Remedials. (Pursuit)	Cumulative Credits Earned at OCC. Cannot include Remedials. (Progress)	Required Cumulative GPA at Onondaga Community College	Next New York State Award Payment To Be Earned
6	1	6	6	1.3	2
12	2	6	15	1.5	3
18	3	9	27	1.8	4
24	4	9	39	2.0	5
30	5	12	51	2.0	6
*36	6	12	66	2.0	7
**42	7	12	81	2.0	8

### Notes:

- If the student's FAY>=2010 and the student was *not* enrolled in 6 remedial hours during their first semester with TAP (whether at OCC or another school), and the student is not an EOP student, the student must be held to the above chart.

### **Failure to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress for New York State Awards:**

Students who fail to satisfy the requirement for satisfactory academic progress will lose their eligibility for New York state financial aid. Students will remain ineligible until they:

1. Complete the necessary coursework to make up the deficiency; or
2. Remain out of school for a period of one year (this does not apply to students who have received 4 or more semesters of New York state awards); or
3. Be approved for a one-time waiver. ***Students should give careful consideration to this option, since they are eligible to receive only one waiver as an undergraduate student, regardless of the college attended.***

Students with serious hardship situations may submit a SAP appeal for state financial aid within two weeks from the date of their notification letter. It is important to note that filing an application for an appeal is not a guarantee that the appeal will be approved, and supporting documentation is required to substantiate the hardship. If an approval is given, New York state aid will be reinstated as appropriate.

### **Requirements for New York State TAP Award Eligibility**

There are a number of different academic criteria that students must meet in order to qualify for a TAP award. Please read the following guidelines and keep them in mind as you register for your classes. By using these guidelines, you will help to make sure that the academic requirements to receive a TAP award will be met.

1. **Full Time Status.** A student must be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester in order to qualify for a TAP award. Of these 12 credits, at least 6 must be credit bearing. The remaining 6 credits can be non-credit remedial.
2. **Ineligible Courses.** The following courses cannot be counted toward the 12 credit hour requirement: LIB 100; MUS-100, ELT-298, OCC-101.
3. **Repeated Coursework.** As mandated by New York State student aid regulations, courses in which a student has already received a passing grade of D- or higher cannot be counted toward full-time enrollment for TAP purposes.
4. **Satisfactory Academic Progress.** Students must meet the requirements for satisfactory academic progress as outlined on the progress charts.
5. **Degree Requirements.** Students who register for a course not specifically required for the degree program in which they are matriculated will not be able to count the course toward their 12 credit hour requirement for full time enrollment. Every degree program the College offers is on file with New York State, along with a listing of the courses required to complete that program. Even if a course is considered to be of great value to the student, it cannot be counted toward the 12 credit hour requirement for TAP.
6. **Maximum Payment Points.** Students are eligible for a maximum of 36 payment points at a 2-year school, which equates to six full time semester payments. Students enrolled in an approved EOP program; students receiving APTS awards and some veterans awards may be eligible for additional payments.