

# **Appeal Preparation Tips & Guidelines**

Create a strong appeal case: Save time and make the process easier by doing the following.



## **Personal Statement**

- Opportunity to tell the Committee what was going on for you -

State/answer the following:

- 1. Why are you appealing?
- 2. Explain what happened during the semester(s) that affected your grades/attendance.
- 3. How these circumstances have changed/improved so that they will no longer affect your studies.
- 4. What will you do differently to improve your academics in the future? What resources are you going to use?
- 5. Answer Sections 5 & 6 and explain all semesters in which you earned below 2.0 (for Title IV Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal).

#### Example:

Dear Committee on Academic Standing, I am appealing to be reinstated /appealing my grades/appealing suspension of financial aid...

## **Documentation**

- Evidence/proof of life circumstances beyond your control -

Examples: Healthcare provider statements, proof of illness/injury, accident reports, death certificate, obituary, legal notices, proof of employment-related issues (e.g letter from employer, pay stubs showing changes in hours), letters from community/religious leaders who know your situation

Requirements for letters submitted as documentation:

A) Official with letterhead/stationery B) Have a signature

C) Document dates should match time period described in personal statement

### Meet with Counselor

- Discuss issues related to your academic success-

Note: Your appeal will be reviewed by the Committee on Academic Standing. The Committee will make a decision and notify you by email. Submission of this appeal form does NOT guarantee approval.