



2023-2024

Financial Aid Appeal Form

Last Name (Please Print)

First Name

M.I.

Student ID#

Address

City

State/Zip

Phone #

THE APPEAL FORM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ON FINANCIAL AID DISMISSAL DUE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- **Cumulative Grade Point Average below a 2.0.**
- **Cumulative Units Completion Rate less than 66.7%.**
- **Completed/Attempted Units at or more than 150% of declared academic major.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide the required documents below. The information provided on this Appeal Form will ultimately determine your eligibility to receive Financial Aid.

- **Completion of this Form: Student Personal Statement explaining the circumstances that caused your dismissal.**
- **Updated Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) completed by a Peralta Counselor.** (Appointments are necessary to meet with Academic Counselors for completion of a SEP.)
- **Complete "The Key Components to the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Financial Aid Appeal Process" section by visiting <https://merritt.get-counseling.com/> (print out confirmation of completion.)**
- **PCCD Academic Unofficial Transcript (include Current Courses.)**
- **Documentation that can support your Personal Statement. Providing sufficient documentation may be the difference between the approval or denial of your Appeal. For example:**
 - **Medical Documents: Doctor's statement, Medical bills, etc...**
 - **Death Certificate.**
 - **Police Reports or Legal Documentation.**
 - **Letters from a professional who can support your circumstances on a letterhead.**

DEADLINES To Submit Appeals:

PLEASE SUBMIT APPEAL TO MERFINAID@PERALTA.EDU

- ☐ Fall Semester – **November 30, 2023**
- ☐ Spring Semester – **May 3, 2024**
- ☐ Summer Semester – **July 15, 2024**

The following questions should be addressed in your statement :

1. Describe in detail the extenuating circumstances on why you were unable to maintain a cumulative 2.0 and/or complete the minimum required units. (Examples: Illness/Injury of the student, Death of an immediate family member, Medical and/or family emergencies.)
2. Explain in specific steps on how you propose to improve your grade point average and/or the completion of your course.
3. Explain in detail why you have not completed your Certificate, A.A., A.S., or Transfer program objective within 150% or less program time frame, AND indicate when and how many more units are needed to complete your educational objective.

NOTE:

The following are not extenuating circumstances: Poor study habits, an overload of coursework, lack of preparedness, or did not receive financial aid in a timely manner. **Submitting an appeal does not guarantee approval. If your appeal is denied, you will be responsible for all fees associated with your enrollment during the semester.**

The Financial Aid Appeal Committee will review the completed Appeal Packet. The committee's decision will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Office (FAO). The FAO will notify you on the appeal decision by email. During peak periods (registration periods) there may be an extended wait time.

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL!

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THIS SECTION FOR COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION AND COMMENTS

► Student's Education Objective at PCCD:

[] AA/AS – (Degree Major: _____)

[] Certificate – (Type: _____)

[] Transfer – (Program Major: _____ Potential college: _____)

► Student's Expected Completion Date at PCCD: _____

► Counselor's Comments (optional):

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT: (PLEASE WRITE OR TYPE CLEARLY – ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE(S) IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED. ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST HAVE STUDENT'S ID NUMBER AND SIGNATURE. REFER TO THE FRONT PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN WRITING YOUR STATEMENT.)

STUDENT CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS AND/OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. **WARNING:** ANY FALSE STATEMENT OF MISREPRESENTATION WILL BE CAUSE FOR DENIAL.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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