

## 2016-2017 Academic Policy

### Academic Requirements

Scholars must meet the following academic requirements:

- Maintain at least a **2.0** Grade Point Average (GPA) or "**C**" average each semester
- Make forward progress towards degree or certificate
  - ◆ Must be in good academic standing, meeting the school's academic policy and be eligible for federal financial aid based on grades and satisfactory academic progress.
  - ◆ Must complete and/or gain credit for term courses. Withdrawing from classes (self or instructor initiated) may be considered minimal progress.
- If transferring schools, a Scholar must transfer the majority of their earned credits to the new school.



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### Probation

Semester grades will be confirmed with each Scholar's post-secondary institution. **Scholars who do not meet the academic requirements outlined above will be placed on probation.** Scholars will have one semester to meet the academic requirements in order for probation to be lifted and return to good standing.

Scholars who are on probation will be contacted by their Project MYSELF Support Coach to help them develop a plan to obtain necessary support services on their campus.

### Removal



Scholars who do not meet the academic requirements while on probation will be removed from the NJFC Scholars Program. Scholars who are academically dismissed or dismissed as a result of disciplinary action from their school will be automatically removed.

Removed Scholars are able to appeal the decision **within 30 days** of removal directly to the Department of Children and Families Office of Educational Support and Programs. Scholars granted an appeal will automatically be placed on probation for the student's next active term and must meet the academic requirements in order to remain in the NJFC Scholars Program.

### Reapplying after removal

Scholars who are removed from the program may reapply after submitting official documentation (i.e. transcript) showing one semester (at least 6 credit hours) of academic improvement with at least a 2.0 GPA.

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