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Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind

STANDARDS FOR VR SPONSORSHIP FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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| **The following Standards are expected of individuals receiving Initial VR Sponsorship for Postsecondary Education below** |
| 1. The Student is **required** to apply for **all** applicable grants available (including PELL, MTAG, Sumner, etc.) by March each year and provide the Counselor with written evidence of grant application and completion prior to the issuance of a VR authorization for college training services. The written evidence must include the amount awarded. If you are awarded a PELL Grant, it must be used for tuition, books and supplies first. If it does not cover all of your educational expenses, your counselor may discuss with you any VR supports that may be provided to assist you with the difference.
2. The Student who chooses to attend a private or out-of-state institution may only be provided assistance at the maximum rate for comparable service(s) at an in-state public institution.
3. The Student is expected to be progressively working toward the completion of his/her program, which is consistent with the vocational goal on the IPE. The length of the individual training program should not exceed that which is typically necessary to complete the program.
4. Grade reports are **required** before the Counselor can authorize funds for the next semester. Each semester, the Student is to provide the Counselor with mid-term and semester end grade reports which demonstrate satisfactory progress toward the completion of his/her program. Any late fees incurred due to a delay in the Student providing his/her grades to the Counselor will be the Student’s responsibility.
5. The Student is to register for and complete (pass) a full course load each semester (a minimum of twelve hours for undergraduate; nine hours for graduate; six hours for summer; nine hours for trimester programs). Payment of any fees charged for dropping a course will be the Student’s responsibility. (See Exceptions.)
6. The Student is to maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade-point average (GPA) per semester, or higher, if required for the particular program in which he/she is participating. (See Exceptions.)
7. Should a Student fail to earn the required GPA or pass the required number of semester hours, he/she will be placed on a probationary period with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) for one semester during which VR sponsorship will continue. ( See Exceptions.)
8. Should a Student fail to earn the required GPA or pass the required number of semester hours for two (2) consecutive semesters, VR sponsorship will be withdrawn until the Student successfully completes the required number of semester hours (12 hours for undergraduate, 9 hours for trimester programs, or 6 hours for summer (total hours)) at the required GPA. (See Exceptions.)
9. Support Services cannot be paid for after the fact; therefore, the Student is expected to inform the Counselor and the school of the need for readers, tutors, and other support services prior to receiving the service or be prepared to cover any expenses him/herself.
10. The Student is expected to keep the Counselor advised of problems, changes to, and progress toward completion of his/her program. All required receipts are to be provided to the Counselor.
11. The student is expected to register and work/meet with the Accessibilities Coordinator for your respective school each semester to request accommodations and secure tutoring services if needed.
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| ***Exceptions*** *may be considered on a semester-by-semester basis for disability accommodations and special circumstances.* |  |
|  The Standards outlined above have been explained to the Student by the Counselor, and the Student agrees to abideby these Standards. Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in an interruption of services. Any fees incurred as a result of the failure to abide by these guidelines will be the student’s responsibility. |  |

Student: Counselor

Date Date

This form was reviewed with the Student as part of the annual review this date:

(required each year the student is enrolled in PSED). Student Initials Counselor Initials