

ACADEMIC FRESH START

College of Agriculture - Kansas State University

****RETURN THIS PETITION TO 135 WATERS HALL****

Name: _____ WID: _____

POLICY

The Academic Fresh Start GPA enables a student returning to KSU for a Baccalaureate Degree after an absence of three (3) or more years to neutralize, in part, the grade impact of prior academic performance. Academic Fresh Start provides for the computation of an alternative GPA and for the use of the GPA in most academic situations. **A student may apply only once for either Academic Forgiveness or Academic Fresh Start, and the process cannot be reversed.** A student must apply no later than the academic term prior to the one when the degree will be granted. (Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after qualifying.)

- I. Conditions for a readmitted student to be eligible to apply for Academic Fresh Start:
 - a. Student was not enrolled in a K-State course for **three (3) calendar years** prior to readmission.
 - b. For the course work completed following readmission the student has earned a **semester GPA of 2.2 or higher** at the end of the academic session in which the **12th credit** was earned.
 - c. Up to 60 consecutive hours of course work and K-State GPA may be restricted from the regular GPA calculation. The beginning point for the **Academic Fresh Start** GPA shall be the first, second, third, fourth or fifth academic semester of enrollment following the student's initial K-State date of entry. The choice of the starting point is designated by the student at the time of application for **Academic Fresh Start** and hours excluded from the calculation must be consecutive.

- II. The calculation and reporting of **Academic Fresh Start** and its use in academic evaluation are:
 - a. **Academic Fresh Start** deletes nothing from the student's academic record. Grades earned before the **Academic Fresh Start** will remain on the transcript along with the cumulative GPA for all hours taken.
 - b. The transcript will clearly indicate the starting point of the **Academic Fresh Start** as well as the **Academic Fresh Start** GPA.
 - c. University-wide academic policies based on a cumulative GPA generally will use the **Academic Fresh Start** GPA. However, academic programs are not required to use **Academic Fresh Start** GPAs. Some programs, such as those in the graduate school or those leading to teacher licensure, may use all grades for the calculation of the GPA.
 - d. In order for students in the **Academic Fresh Start** program to be eligible for university academic honors, they must complete a minimum of 60 hours in residence, with at least 50 hours in graded courses after the **Academic Fresh Start** begins. Other academic policies will not be affected.

My Academic Fresh Start begins at the end of the ___ spring ___ fall ___ year.
(Must be a student's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th semester at K-State)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Dean's Signature _____ Date _____