

REQUEST FOR DEFERRED SUSPENSION
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

YOU MUST HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING AS THE ASSOCIATE DEAN AND/OR SUSPENSION COMMITTEE CANNOT POSTPONE YOUR MEETING!

If you are unsure how to complete certain portions, see your academic advisor or call 254-968-9227 for assistance.

Date: _____

Student Name _____

ID _____

Current Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Circle one of the following: Suspension I Suspension II Suspension III Suspension IV or above

Introduction:

The purpose of this form is for you to provide important information to the Associate Dean in support of your petition for special consideration for deferral of your suspension. Such deferrals are sometimes granted to students who can make a COMPELLING case that they have been subject to extenuating circumstances and deserve "one more chance" to bring their overall Tarleton GPA back above 2.0 in order to return to a good academic standing. It must be realistic for you to make the needed corrections in one semester.

The fact that you have been suspended means that your grades have been unsatisfactory for a least two consecutive semesters (or you are a new student with a very low GPA on your first semester at Tarleton). This is a matter of concern to the university and, of course, to you. According to university policy, being on academic suspension means you are required to stay out of school for one or more semesters, depending on your circumstances. Consequently, you are requesting an exception to this policy on your behalf. We attempt to be fair and supportive of our students, but we cannot make these accommodations unless clearly justified.

The Associate Dean or the Associate Dean and an appeals committee will examine the information you present here to determine if special consideration seems warranted.

General Information:

1. Where or by whom were advised you by? _____
2. What is your classification? _____
3. What is your official declared major? _____
4. Have you filed an approved degree plan in your current major? Yes No

NOTE: IF YOU ARE GRANTED A DEFERRED SUSPENSION CONTRACT AND DON'T FULFILL IT, YOUR SUSPENSION TIME IS INCREASED AND YOU LOSE THE CHANCE FOR FUTURE DEFERRALS.

The special consideration you are requesting requires that you must be able to honestly answer **YES** to **ALL** of **the items below** before the Associate Dean will consider making an exception in your case:

1. Your Total Institution/Tarleton GPA can definitely be numerically raised to 2.00 or above in one long semester (or both summer sessions) on the approved amount of coursework; AND
2. You have a specific plan for doing that, which revolves around **re-taking courses** with low grades (**Note: Changing your GPA using the “forgiveness” option will not take you off suspension**); AND
3. Those courses are available in the upcoming term; AND
4. Given your academic performance thus far, you have a reasonable chance of getting the added grade points needed to raise your Total Institutional/Tarleton GPA above 2.00; AND
5. You **can and will** make significant changes in your academic routines and priorities (including things such as study habits, personal life, extracurricular activities, employment obligations, class attendance, getting appropriate help, etc.) to meet your academic goals in the upcoming semester; AND
6. You are willing to cooperate with the Associate Dean in ALL of the obligations that are part of the suspension deferral contract.

If you could not answer yes to all of the above questions, you should cancel your suspension appointment with the Associate Dean and/or the Suspension Committee!

In order to provide assurances that you can meet the requirements above, you must give written answers to the following questions and submit this **completed** form to the Dean’s Office at the time of your appointment. The Associate Dean and/or the Suspension Committee may deny your request if you cannot assure him/them that you can meet the requirements of a contract.

1. **WHAT WILL YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?** Be honest with yourself. Obviously, something you were doing in the past semesters didn’t work very well. Your school habits must change. List specifically the things you will do to reach your goal. _____

2. This is your opportunity to talk about unusual circumstances that existed in previous semesters (illness, work situations, personal problems, etc.) that you believe had some influence on your lack of academic success. Describe how these circumstances will not affect your school work next term: _____

3. If there are any other issues in your situation you want to discuss that you believe demonstrate how you have committed to “turn a new leaf” and strengthen your request, please describe here: _____

