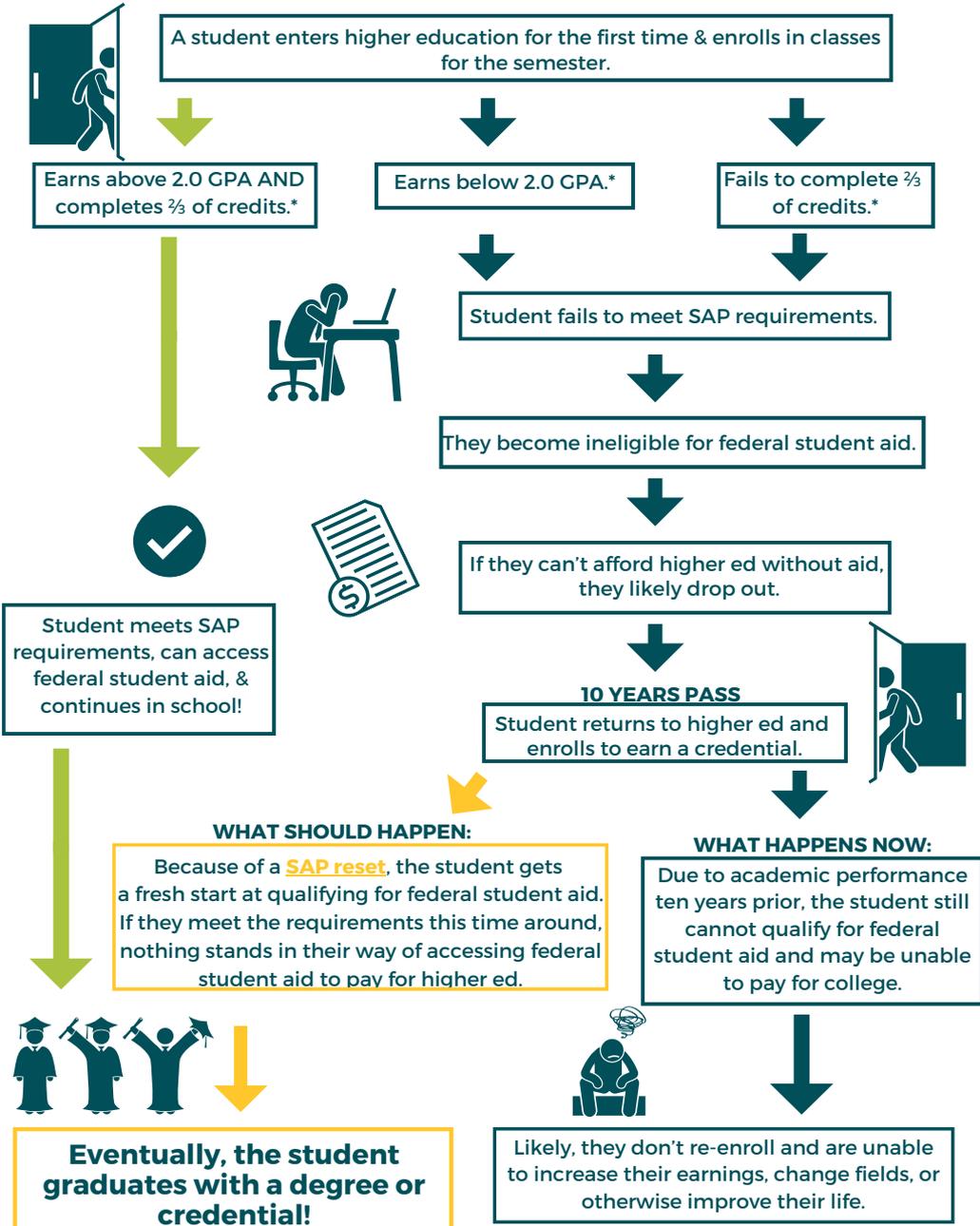# SAP RESET

In order to access federal financial aid to pay for higher education, students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, which require credit completion and GPA minimums. For some returning adult students who reenter higher education after after a poor academic performance in the past, SAP requirements can be a significant barrier to earning the degree or credential they need to succeed professionally, change fields, or earn higher wages. **Here's how SAP can hold students back, and how allowing a SAP rest could help:**

A student enters higher education for the first time & enrolls in classes for the semester.

Earns above 2.0 GPA AND completes ⅔ of credits.*

Earns below 2.0 GPA.*

Fails to complete ⅔ of credits.*

Student fails to meet SAP requirements.

They become ineligible for federal student aid.

If they can't afford higher ed without aid, they likely drop out.

Student meets SAP requirements, can access federal student aid, & continues in school!

10 YEARS PASS
Student returns to higher ed and enrolls to earn a credential.

WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN:
Because of a **SAP reset**, the student gets a fresh start at qualifying for federal student aid. If they meet the requirements this time around, nothing stands in their way of accessing federal student aid to pay for higher ed.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW:
Due to academic performance ten years prior, the student still cannot qualify for federal student aid and may be unable to pay for college.

Eventually, the student graduates with a degree or credential!

Likely, they don't re-enroll and are unable to increase their earnings, change fields, or otherwise improve their life.

*The US Department of Education sets a minimum SAP requirement, which is 2.0 GPA and 2/3 of attempted credits completed. However, individual institutions are free to set their own SAP requirements that are above ED's requirements.

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