~Petition for Fresh Start~

Please provide the following information:

1. Date of prior enrollment as a student at Montana State University-Bozeman. ______________________

2. Cumulative GPA of prior academic work at Montana State University-Bozeman ____________________

3. Date of re-entry as a student at Montana State University-Bozeman ______________________________

4. Number of credits completed since re-entering Montana State University-Bozeman: ________________

5. Cumulative GPA for work since re-entering Montana State University-Bozeman: ___________________

6. Previous and/or Maiden Name(s): ______________________________________________________________

I understand and agree that when my new Fresh Start GPA begins all the previous grades and credits I have petitioned as Montana State University-Bozeman will be excluded and cannot be used, ever, for any purpose.

Student:____________________________________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________ Date ________________

Advisor:____________________________________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________ Date ________________

Associate/Assistant Dean:_____________________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________ Date ________________
~Fresh Start Policy~

1. A former Montana State University-Bozeman Undergraduate who returns to the university after a minimum absence of five years will have the opportunity to petition to begin a new cumulative – “Fresh Start” – Grade Point Average (GPA).

2. After returning to Montana State University-Bozeman, a student must complete 30 new credits of academic study with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for the new course work before petitioning for a Fresh Start GPA.

3. A student who is eligible for a Fresh Start GPA must petition for a new cumulative GPA during the semester following the one in which the requirements of statement #2 have been met.

4. A student may begin a Fresh Start GPA only once.

5. Student petitions will be considered on a case –by-case basis by the Graduation and Admission Requirements Committee – “GARC.” The decisions of GARC are final.

6. When the Fresh Start GPA is started, all previous grades and credits earned in the term at Montana State University-Bozeman will be excluded; a student may not select particular grades and credits to exclude from a term while retaining others. Only Montana State University grades and credits will be excluded.

7. The Fresh Start GPA begins with the student’s first semester of re-enrollment. The student’s transcript will indicate where Fresh Start Begins. The old grades will remain on the transcript; however they may not be used to fulfill any university requirements.

8. Students wishing to petition for a Fresh Start GPA should contact the Registrar’s Office to initiate the process.