



LIBERTY UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE  
**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

The Student Assistance Fund is intended to provide direct benefits to student-athletes or their families as determined by conference offices. As a guiding principle, the fund shall be used to assist student-athletes in meeting financial needs that arise in conjunction with participation in intercollegiate athletics, enrollment in an academic curriculum or that recognize academic achievement. Accordingly, receipt of Student Assistance Fund monies shall not be included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. It is encouraged that preference for the Student Assistance Fund continue to be given to those student-athletes who display a financial need for assistance. Further, inasmuch as the fund is designed to provide direct benefits to student-athletes, the fund is not intended to be used to replace existing budget items.

The following student-athletes are eligible for funds:

All student-athletes, including international, are eligible to receive Student Assistance Fund benefits, regardless of whether they are grant-in-aid recipients, have demonstrated need or have either exhausted eligibility or no longer participate due to medical reasons. Participants on non-NCAA sponsored sport teams are not eligible to receive SAF funds.

Except for prospective student-athletes receiving summer financial aid prior to full-time enrollment pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 15.2.8.1.3, no prospective student-athlete shall be eligible to receive SAF funds.

The following are restrictions on the use of the funds:

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 15.01.6.2, member institutions and conferences shall not use monies received from the fund for the following:

- Salaries and Benefits.
- Grants-in-aid (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility.
- Capital improvements.
- Stipends.
- Athletic development opportunities.
- Fees and other expenses associated with a student-athlete's participation in a sports camp or clinic;
- Fees and other expenses associated with private sports-related instruction provided to a student-athlete;
- Fees for other athletic development experiences (e.g., greens fees, batting cage rental); and
- Expenses associated with a student-athlete's participation in a foreign tour.