General Information

The following guidelines apply only to the NCAA Student Assistance Fund (SAF). All current policies and procedures related to the NCAA Student Assistance Fund remain unchanged.

Intent and Principles

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. 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.

Examples of permissible uses of the fund (list is not exhaustive):

Educational Expenses and Fees
• Summer School.
• Fifth or Sixth Year Aid.
• Postgraduate Scholarship.
• Postgraduate or Internship Fees.
• International Student Fees and Taxes.
• Graduate School Exam Fees.
• Professional Program Testing.
• Expendable Supplies.
• Educational Supplies (e.g., laptop computers, cameras).
• Other Educational expenses OR Additional SASAF Funding for Academic Course Supplies.

Health and Safety Expenses
• Insurance Premiums for Student-Athletes.
• Supplemental Insurance.
• Medical Expenses for Student-Athletes (not covered by another insurance program for student-athletes not eligible for SAF).
• Dental/Vision Expenses for Student-Athletes (not covered by another insurance program for student-athletes not eligible for SAF).
• Medical Expenses for Student-Athletes’ Spouses/Dependents.
• Other Health and Safety Expenses OR Supplemental SASAF Funding for Medical and Dental Expenses.
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Personal or Family Expenses
• Clothing Allowance or Enhancement of Clothing Allowance from Student Assistance Fund.
• Additional Student-Athlete Travel Home.
• Emergency Travel for Student-Athletes, Spouses and/or Dependents.
• Emergency Expenses for Student-Athletes, Spouses and/or Dependents.
• Travel Expenses for Family Members to be present as a Student-Athlete is honored.
• Travel Expenses for Team Members being honored by Governmental Body.
• Other Personal/Family Expenses OR Supplemental SASAF Funding for Clothing and Essential Expenses or Student-Athlete & Family Emergency Expenditures.

Institutional Academic or Programming Enhancements
• Academic Achievement or Graduation Awards.
• Academic Support Services.
• Other Academic or Programming Expenses.