

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

NCAA STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SAF) GUIDELINES

The Student Assistance Fund (SAF) was created by the NCAA to provide direct benefits to student-athletes or their families as determined by conference offices. The guidelines list very few prohibited uses of the funds. However, the University of Colorado notes that as a guiding principle, the funds 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. The funds should be used to enhance the welfare of enrolled student-athletes and make the student-athlete experience more enjoyable and rewarding. Expenditures should be reasonable. The responsibility for oversight and administration of the fund, including interpretations, rests solely with the University and the Pac-12 Conference.

NCAA Bylaw: 15.01.6.1 - Student Assistance Fund.

The receipt of money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund for student-athletes is not included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries, grants-in-aid (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility, capital improvements, stipends and outside athletics development opportunities for student-athletes (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses).

STUDENT-ATHLETES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR SAF FUNDS:

All University of Colorado student-athletes, including international student-athletes, are eligible to receive SAF 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. Grant-in-aid recipients may have limitations on SAF eligibility, pending the value of their grant-in-aid and the correlation to what is requested. If a student-athlete is receiving a full grant-in-aid, their SAF eligibility may be limited, per financial aid regulations.

STUDENT-ATHLETES NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS:

Student-Athletes who are not in good standing with the Athletics Department (e.g. who have violated rules/regulations related to the SAF Fund and/or process, engaged in serious misconduct, etc.) or the University, may not be able to receive funds.

EXAMPLES OF PERMISSIBLE USES OF THE SAF FUND:

*Approval is on a case by case basis for each student-athlete.

*This list is not all-inclusive.

Educational Expenses, Fees and Supplies

- Summer School.
- Post-Eligibility Athletic Aid.
- Postgraduate Scholarship.
- Postgraduate or Internship Fees.
- International Student Fees and Taxes.
- Graduate School Exam Fees.
- Professional Program Testing.
- Other Reasonable Educational expenses per NCAA Bylaw 16.3.1.1.

Health and Safety Expenses

- Insurance Premiums for Student-Athletes (domestic and international).
- Supplemental Insurance.
- Medical Expenses for Student-Athletes (not covered by insurance).
- Dental/Vision Expenses for Student-Athletes (not covered by insurance).
- Medical Expenses for Student-Athletes' Spouses/Dependents.
- Other Health and Safety Expenses.

Personal or Family Expenses

Clothing for professional development.
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.
Travel Expenses for Family Members to be present in student-athlete is significantly injured or ill.
Other Personal/Family Expenses.

Institutional Academic or Programming Enhancements

Academic Achievement or Graduation Awards.
Academic Support Services.
Other Academic or Programming Expenses.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SAF:

1. Finance salaries.
2. Grants-in-aid (other than for summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility.
3. Capital improvements.
4. Stipends.
5. Outside athletics development opportunities for student-athletes (e.g. participation in sport camps/clinic, private sports related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses).

Tracking of Student Assistant Fund Expenditures

The Office of Compliance Services will be responsible for approval of non-countable SAF for those students not receiving a full grant-in-aid. These expenditures will be tracked by the Athletic Business Office.

Examples of approved expenditures per the Pac-12 Conference Office (2010-2011 email):

Reimbursements for parking permits	Travel expenses for parents to attend National Football
Replacement of items stolen from locker room while away from home	Foundation Scholar-Athlete Banquet
Operating costs for Sports Psychology Clinic	Academic skills assessment
Expenses for team travel for recognition event at White House	Networking event for career opportunities
Computer-related supplies for athletics study center	Interviewing/resume creation event
Learning disability and ADHD assessments	Behavioral assessment
Weight room equipment	Replacement of stolen school supplies
S-A mentoring program expenses	SAAC events
Health and wellness workshop expenses	Applications for housing
Early check-in to dorms for orientation	Enrollment deposits
Graduation fee	Emergency travel due to family tragedy
Graduate school application fee	Emergency travel due to birth of child
Fingerprinting card	Psycho-educational assessments and screening materials
Transcript fees	Programming regarding proper eating habits and transitioning to life after sports
Emergency expenses	Defibrillator for team
Stoles for graduating seniors	Rush passport application fees
S-A leadership retreat	Academic registration fees
Speaker fees (topics: alcohol and responsibility, relationship building, gambling awareness, social norms and behavior)	Academic conference fee
Etiquette Dinner	S-A surgical expenses not covered by insurance
Orientation fees	Clothing for SAAC members
	Mental health counseling service