



Athletics Financial Aid Policy

2024 - 2025

The following NCAA policies regulate financial aid for student-athletes. The benefits listed below are the maximum allowed by NCAA regulation and are provided for your information. Stony Brook University may or may not provide all benefits listed.

1. Student-athletes can accept institutional financial aid that covers the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, and required course-related books (i.e., full grant-in-aid). NCAA regulations specify that student-athletes cannot accept aid beyond those costs, except as permitted by NCAA legislation. Exceptions to this rule are Pell Grants, honorary academic awards/research grants (per Bylaws 15.1.1 and 15.02.6) outside educational grants (per Bylaw 15.2.6.2) that have no relationship to athletics ability.
2. Division I student-athletes who qualify for Pell Grants can receive Pell Grants more than the cost of attendance. Student-athletes who qualify for a Pell Grant may receive up to the full amount, depending on whether there are any pre-existing conditions stipulated within their Athletics Grant-in-Aid Agreement.
3. Student-athletes may obtain loans without affecting their athletic awards if the loans:
 - Are available on the same basis to all students who meet eligibility requirements,
 - Have a regular schedule for repayment.
4. The institution must administer all the student-athlete's financial aid, except the sources listed in Bylaw 15.01.3. The sources are:
 - Financial aid received from one upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependant;
 - Awarded solely on the basis of having no relationship to athletics ability. (Student-athletes are responsible for reporting these awards to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services); (Bylaw 15.2.6.2)
 - Athletically related financial aid from an established and continuing program - Up to \$1,000. A student-athlete may receive up to a total of \$1,000 of athletically related outside financial aid per academic year, without restrictions, through one or more established and continuing programs to aid students. (Bylaw 15.2.6.3);
 - Athletically related financial aid from an established and continuing program – Aid exceeding \$1,000. Each academic year, after a student-athlete has received \$1,000 of athletically related outside financial aid, he or she may receive additional athletically Sports (L) Revised October 2022 related outside financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students without the additional aid counting in the institutions financial aid limitations, provided: (a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; (b) there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution, and (c) the financial aid is not provided by an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program to an individual who is or has been a member of that team or organization.(Bylaw 15.2.6.4)
 - Educational expenses awarded by the US Olympic Committee, which count against an institution's sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual's full-grant-in-aid limit. (Bylaw 15.2.6.5)
5. Athletics aid cannot be increased, reduced or canceled during the period of the award because of the student-athlete's illness, injury, athletics performance, ability or any other athletics reason. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of award if the conditions are not satisfied.

6. Student-athletes, who have eligibility remaining in the sport in which the aid was awarded, are to be notified in writing by July 1 if their athletics aid is to be renewed, reduced or not renewed. If athletics aid is to be reduced or is not to be renewed, the student-athlete is entitled to a prompt appeals hearing before the institution's regular financial aid authority.
7. Hearing Opportunity. The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the student-athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is reduced or cancelled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year. The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request and shall not delegate the responsibility for conducting the hearing to the university's athletics department or its faculty athletics committee.
8. If a student-athlete fails to attend Stony Brook University during any given semester the grant-in-aid will be cancelled. Student-athletes are responsible for canceling any classes that the student-athlete is registered for prior to the end of the first week of classes for that semester. In addition, student-athletes must notify Campus Residences to cancel student-athlete's housing and the ID/Meal Plan Office to cancel the meal plan (if applicable) prior to their published deadlines. Failure to do so will result in charges on the student-athlete's account for which student-athlete must pay.

