

Section 1 – Athletic Scholarship Information

2011-2012 Undergraduate Cost-of-Attendance

Full Time - General Student Population Financial Aid Budgets

	With Parents	Dorms	Off-Campus	Summer
Tuition & Fees	\$6,262.00	\$6,262.00	\$6,262.00	N/A
Books/Supplies*	\$1,256.00	\$1,256.00	\$1,256.00	N/A
Room/Board	\$4,348.00	\$10,550.00	\$10,514.00	N/A
Transportation	\$1,092.00	\$838.00	\$1,156.00	N/A
Personal	\$2,398.00	\$2,162.00	\$2,504.00	N/A
TOTAL - In State	\$15,356.00	\$21,068.00	\$21,692.00	N/A
Sum of Expenses Prohibited from Inclusion in a Full Grant-in-Aid Athletic Scholarship	\$3,490.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,660.00	N/A

*A full Grant-in-Aid Scholarship at Fresno State includes the full cost of books even if it exceeds \$400 amount established by the NCAA. The department can also reimburse student-athletes for any required supplies.

*Athletic scholarship information regarding potential changes addressing multi-year awards and GIA plus \$2,000 will be updated following the current NCAA legislative cycle.

(A) Summer School Financial Aid (*Student-Athlete Handbook, pgs. 41-42*)

Guidelines:

- a. Funding may be allowed for a maximum of two classes (6-8 units). Additional coursework may be funded only if it is needed for academic eligibility (i.e., 40-60-80%).
- b. Only classes that are required for the major degree may be funded. Courses taken for GPA which are not degree units will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Financial assistance will not be given for classes toward a minor, second degree, teaching credential or any other courses unless those course can be included in the pool of elective coursework required for the major degree.
- c. For those student-athletes who qualify for living expenses, room and board may be paid for a maximum of 6 weeks, even if the student is enrolled in classes for a longer period. Room and board will only be provided during weeks in which the student-athlete is enrolled in class(es).
- d. Funds will not be used to pay for any summer session units where the student-athlete received a failing grade or withdrew late in the term during the academic year because of failure to attend class on a regular basis or failure to complete all required work.

Qualifications:

Summer School Financial Assistance may be given to attend Fresno State (only) provided funds are available, to student-athletes who meet the following qualifications; other applications will be considered based on budget and equity issues:

Applications received after the due date will be prioritized by date for consideration after the on-time applications are reviewed.

General Rules:

- a. Students must receive credit for course(s) taken this summer to be eligible to receive athletic aid next summer, i.e., SA cannot drop, not attend, or fail a summer class and receive aid the following summer.
- b. If students can graduate after the summer term: if they drop, don't attend, or fail a course that would complete their graduation during the summer, they will not be eligible for fifth year aid the following term.
- c. NCAA rules only permit student-athletes to receive summer aid that is the same percent of aid received during the academic year. (i.e., if SA received 80% of a full scholarship during the academic year, they can only receive up to 80% of a full summer scholarship).

Note: The base on which the percent of GIA will be calculated for all summer school financial assistance is: fees plus books plus room and board for the appropriate time period (i.e. 3 or 6 weeks). Students must take the equivalent of at least 1 unit per week of the summer school term to receive full living allowance. As such, the breakdown for checks for a student-athlete receiving full room and board for the summer is as follows:

- 3 – 6 units during 3 week session = 1 full check
- 3 units during 6 week session = 1 full check
- 6 units during 6 week session = 2 full checks
- d. NCAA rules only permit a maximum of five (5) years of summer aid.
- e. NCAA rules DO NOT allow financial assistance for classes taken at other institutions

Average Monthly Room & Board Amounts

Monthly Grant-in-Aid	Dorms	Off-Campus	Summer
Room/Board	\$902.11	\$988.89	\$835.00

(B) Pursuant to NCAA rules, a verbal commitment is not binding on either the student-athlete or the institution. The National Letter of Intent is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and is eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules athletics aid for one academic year in exchange for the prospective athlete's agreement to attend the institution for one academic year. The National Letter of Intent must be accompanied by an institutional financial aid agreement. If the prospective student-athlete signs the National Letter of Intent but does not enroll at that institution for a full academic year, he or she may be subject to specific penalties, including loss of a season of eligibility and a mandatory residence requirement.

Section 2 – Athletic Scholarship Renewal Information

(A) NCAA Bylaw 15.02.7

- a. **Period of Award** The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as a part of the student's grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice, whichever is earlier, until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. An athletics grant-in-aid shall not be awarded in excess of one academic year.

(B) Athletics Financial Aid (*Student-Athlete Handbook, pgs. 39-40*)

A full scholarship is based on tuition and required fees, room and board, and use of books. Tuition costs vary by whether a student is from California or out-of-state. Room and board costs vary by whether a student-athlete lives at home, in the dorm, or off-campus. Athletic aid may be renewed annually upon the recommendation of the coach, but in no case may a student-athlete receive more than five years of aid.

Athletics aid may be reduced or cancelled during the year if:

- You render yourself ineligible for intercollegiate competition
- You have misrepresented yourself or presented fraudulent information
- You have been found by the University and the Department to have committed an act of gross misconduct
- You voluntarily withdraw from the sport for personal reasons
- You engage in gambling activities on intercollegiate athletics prohibited by NCAA legislation
- You receive countable aid that exceeds the specified percentage of your athletic award

Athletics aid must be reduced or cancelled if:

- You sign a professional sports contract
- You agree to be represented by an agent
- You are not enrolled in at least 12 units per semester

Athletics aid may be non-renewed at the end of the term of the award based on the coaches' recommendation. Examples of causes for this action may be:

- Violation of team rules
- Disruptive behavior to team
- Lack of commitment to the program or the Department
- Violation of an agreed upon behavior contract
- Poor academic performance or academic misconduct
- For seniors, post-eligibility and medicals, you do not satisfactorily complete 75% of your first-term classes

Appeals Process - Athletics Aid Reduction or Non-Renewal (*Student-Athlete Handbook, pg. 40 and Student-Athlete Welfare Policy Number: 16.04.1*)

Athletic scholarships are awarded for the period of one academic year. At the end of each academic year, the institution must inform each student-athlete with eligibility remaining the status of their award for the upcoming academic year. The institutional obligation is cited below from the NCAA Manual:

15.3.2.4 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 to

be reduced or cancelled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year. Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has had an opportunity for a hearing. 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. The written notification of the opportunity for a hearing shall include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing.

If the student-athlete does request a hearing, the Athletic Director and sport supervisor will meet with the student-athlete and head coach in an effort to mitigate the situation. If the student-athlete still wishes to pursue the appeal, the Assistant Athletic Director- Compliance will notify the Director of Student Financial Aid that a hearing needs to be scheduled within ten days. The Director of Student Financial Aid will schedule a hearing and the results of the hearing decision are final.

Section 3 – Medical Expenses

(A) Identified medical expense benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution include medical insurance, death and dismemberment insurance, drug-rehabilitation, counseling, visual corrective eyewear, medical exams, medical treatment expenses, and medical expenses such as surgery, medication, rehabilitation. Please see *NCAA Bylaws 16.4, 16.4.1* for a more inclusive list.

(B) Financial Coverage for Athletically Related Injuries (*Student-Athlete Handbook, pgs. 49-50*)

The Fresno State athletic department medical care and treatment program is a self-contained program that uses a network of Fresno State providers and specialists. In the event of an athletically related injury, our athletic training and medical staff evaluates and recommends a treatment plan. When services are pre-authorized by our staff, our program covers any expense within the Fresno State network that the family's insurance does not cover (e.g., co-payments and deductibles). **Our plan is secondary support to the family's insurance, which means that the family's insurance is primary and will be billed in every circumstance.** Outside services will be authorized at the discretion of the Athletic Training Staff or Team Physician.

The Fresno State athletic department will cover **only** those injuries that are a direct result of intercollegiate athletic practice or play. Department policies prohibit us from paying for surgeries that were not a direct result from practice or competition, as well as expenses that occur during unsupervised summer workouts. **This means that non-athletically related injuries (car accidents, home and dorm accidents, illnesses such as appendicitis, etc) cannot be covered.**

If you are injured while participating in intercollegiate athletics practice or play, the following procedures must be followed to ensure quick processing of the claim and prompt payment of all bills:

1. The student-athlete must report any and all injuries to the Fresno State athletic training staff immediately. We will pay for services and referrals only if they have been pre-authorized by the athletic training staff.
2. You are free to choose any medical provider you wish, but to have Fresno State pay for any remaining balances after your family insurance has paid, you must use the Fresno State system or obtain pre-authorization to go outside from a Staff Athletic Trainer or Team Physician.
3. If pre-authorization is given for outside treatment, each visit must be pre-approved prior to making an appointment.
4. When you receive the insurance carrier's explanation of benefits, please mail or bring in a copy of it along with any bills to the Athletic Training Room so that any unpaid balances may be paid through Athletics. **The Athletic Department does not automatically receive copies of the bills.** Collection agency action can result when bills are not promptly brought to our attention.
5. Student-athletes are required to notify the Athletic Training Staff of any changes in your family's insurance coverage to avoid any inconvenience in the event that you are injured and require outside medical care.

(C) Post-Eligible Student-Athlete Medical Expenses

Our secondary insurance coverage provides for coverage of athletically related injuries to be covered for two years from the date of injury on file. This only applies to reported injuries sustained during covered, formal intercollegiate athletic competition or practice and requires a valid exit interview to be on file at the end of the Student-Athlete's eligibility.

Section 4 – Release Information

(A) 14.5.5.2.10 One-Time Transfer Exception.

(d) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student's being granted an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. If the student's previous institution denies his or her request for the release, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletic faculty/staff members). The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request.

For more information please visit:

[Quick Reference Guide to the National Letter of Intent](#)

(B) Transfer Rules (*Student-Athlete Handbook, pg. 33*)

Student-athlete transfers are a fact of life in Intercollegiate Athletics. Most times, when a student-athlete wants to leave one of our programs, the coaching staff and athletic department are able to accommodate the wishes of the student-athlete and grant a release to the school of the student's choice. There are circumstances however, when a coach may not wish to grant the one-time transfer release for any number of reasons. If the coach does deny the release request, the student-athlete is entitled to a hearing from a panel of non-athletic department faculty/staff members.

It also should be noted that California State University, Fresno has an additional policy regarding transfers. This policy precludes any transfer from Fresno State to another Mountain West Conference institution. In addition, the head coach of each sport is required to pre-determine three other "natural rivals" that Fresno State will deny transfer requests to. These three additional institutions shall remain constant during the head coach's tenure at Fresno State. If the release is denied by the coach of the sport, the Assistant Athletic Director-Compliance Services will notify the student-athlete in writing that the transfer release was denied and that the student-athlete has ten days to appeal the decision in writing. If the student-athlete does appeal, the Athletic Director and sport supervisor will meet with the student-athlete and the head coach in an effort to mitigate the situation. If the student-athlete still wishes to pursue the appeal, the Asst. A.D. will notify members of the Athletic Advisory Council (AAC) Student-Athlete Welfare Subcommittee that a hearing needs to be scheduled within ten days.

At the hearing, the student-athlete and coach will have the opportunity to provide any written documentation that supports their position. They will each also have the opportunity to present their case verbally in front of the Subcommittee. No attorneys will be allowed in the hearing as it is not a legal proceeding. The subcommittee will inform all parties in writing within ten days of their decision. The panel's decision is final.