

What is an “extra benefit?”

As defined by the NCAA, an “extra benefit” is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of athletics interests to provide a student-athlete (or relative or friend of the student-athlete) a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of such a benefit is not considered a violation if that same benefit is generally available to the University’s students or their relatives and/or friends or to a particular segment of the student body determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

In consideration of this definition, please recognize the following:

- A student-athlete cannot accept anything from a GW employee or booster, unless approved and authorized through the Department of Athletics.
- A student-athlete cannot accept free or reduced cost room and/or board from a GW employee or booster.
- A student-athlete cannot eat at a restaurant as the guest of a booster or a GW employee.
- A student-athlete cannot accept free or reduced merchandise or services from any merchant unless that free or reduced cost item is also available to the general public.
- A student-athlete cannot accept a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or service from a GW employee or booster.
- A student-athlete may be provided reasonable and occasional local transportation (within 30 miles) from a GW employee. (Please note that “occasional” means a special occasion such as a birthday.)
- A student-athlete may accept, on an infrequent occasion, an invitation to the home of a GW employee or booster for a meal. (Please note that “infrequent” means a special occasion such as a birthday.)
- A student-athlete cannot accept a loan of money, guarantee of bond, use of an automobile, or the signing or co-signing of a note to arrange a loan from a GW employee or booster.
- A student-athlete cannot use an Athletics Department copy machine or fax machine, or make long distance telephone calls using a departmental telephone or booster telephone at their home or place of business.
- A student-athlete may not have his/her papers and/or reports typed by a booster.

EXTENDING OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS

A GW employee or representative of GW's athletics interests may not offer or provide any benefits to a prospect or the prospect's relatives or friends other than those expressly permitted by NCAA legislation. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to:

- Arrangement of employment for a prospect's relatives;

- Gifts of clothing or equipment;
- Cosigning of loans;
- Loans to relatives or friends;
- Cash or like items;
- Any tangible items, including merchandise;
- Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases;
- Free or reduced-cost housing;
- Use of institution's athletics equipment;
- Sponsorship of, or arrangement for, an awards banquet for high school or two-year college athletes by an institution, its boosters or its alumni groups or booster clubs;
- The presentation of award to prospects for outstanding athletics accomplishments.