

FIFTH-YEAR/DEGREE COMPLETION AWARD APPLICATION

Here is the Degree Completion Award Application for students looking to complete their degrees during the 2011-2012 school year. Please note that completion and submission of this application does **not** guarantee an offer of an award. Each application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Fifth-year Aid applications will be closely scrutinized. To be initially eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- You **MUST** be in Good Academic Standing; student on academic probation will not receive 5th Year Aid
- You **MUST** be within 30 hours of graduation (we will, however, take into consideration the situation of students who first enrolled at midyear)
- **Fifth-Year Aid MUST be used to complete your first bachelor's degree only. Aid will NOT be given to complete a second major, a minor, or for coursework in addition to what is required for your first degree.**
- Students who have followed guidelines set forth by Port Staff and academic colleges will be given consideration.
- Students will not be rewarded for failing classes in the past and having to repeat them.

Given the financial climate we are experiencing, please be aware that Athletics will distribute any available financial assistance in an equitable, responsible manner. This distribution will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

NAME: _____ UIN: _____
Please Print

UIC Degree-Completion Award

Qualifications:

1. Nominee shall be a student/athlete who has exhausted their athletic eligibility at UIC;
2. Nominee shall have enrolled at UIC in or after August 2007;
3. Nominee shall be within **30** semester hours of completion of an undergraduate degree;

How to apply:

1. The following materials in the nomination packet will be required before the student will be considered for an UIC Degree completion Award:
 - Application from the nominee;
 - Endorsement from the Head Coach;
 - Endorsement from the dean of the college, head of the department or academic advisor responsible for the nominee's academic program.
2. **All applications must include a DARS Report from respective college. Self-printed DARS REPORTS are not acceptable.**
3. Materials must be turned in no later than March 18, 2011. Completed materials must be submitted to Port Center. It is the nominee's responsibility to gather these materials from the appropriate officials and to submit them to the Port Center.

Awards:

- The minimum award will be the cost of tuition as defined by UIC and NCAA rules and regulations. The Department of Athletics reserves the right to adjust the recipient's award based on budgetary constraints, number of applicants, financial need and/or academic history.
- Monies will be distributed by the Office of Student Financial Aid at UIC, according to normal financial-aid or athletics department guidelines.
- The Department of Athletics reserves the right to not distribute monies for the second term of the award if it is shown that satisfactory-progress is not met during the first term of the award.
- **You will be required to work as an intern in the Department of Athletics.** With the award being tuition, the recipient will be required to work a total of 64 hours per semester as determined by the Department of Athletics. The areas of work will be from the following: Athletic Compliance, Athletic Development, Facility Management, Game Management, Marketing and Promotions and Sports Information.
- In order to have the application reviewed, all required forms and endorsements need to be submitted at the same time. The information needing to be submitted is: *Application for UIC Degree-Completion Award*, *Endorsement from your Head Coach*, *Endorsement from Student/Athlete's College Advisor* and an official UIC DARS Report.
- Materials are to be turned in no later than March 18, 2011.

List the varsity or club sports in which you have participated and describe any athletics-related awards. Be specific.

List any campus leadership roles or activities in which you have engaged and describe the extent of your involvement. Be specific.

Undergraduate-Degree Program (This portion must be completed)

Major(s) _____

Minor _____

Hours required for graduation _____

Hours completed _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Cumulative grade point average
(Based on 4.00 scale) _____

By completing and signing this application, I understand and agree to the following:

- I will be required to work as an intern in the Department of Athletics. In being awarded tuition, I will be required to work a total of 64 hours per semester as determined by the Department of Athletics. The areas of work will be from the following: Athletic Compliance, Athletic Development, Facility Management, Game Management, Marketing and Promotions and Sports Information, and Port Academic Center.
- **In order to have my application reviewed, all required forms and endorsements need to be submitted at the same time. The information needing to be submitted is: *Application for UIC Degree-Completion Award, Endorsement from your Head Coach, Endorsement from Student/Athlete's College Advisor* and an official UIC transcript or DARS Report from respective college.**
- I am aware of the Fifth Year Aid rules listed in the Student Athlete Handbook.
- **Materials are to be turned in no later than March 18, 2011, to:**

**Port Academic Center
Room B60
Physical Education Building (PEB)**

Signature

Date

Endorsement from Student/Athlete's College Advisor

(To be completed by the nominee and the individual responsible for the nominee's academic program)

This section is to be completed by the nominee:

Name of nominee: _____

UIN: _____

This sections to be completed by the dean, department head or academic advisor within the department at UIC where the degree will be completed:

Degree Program: Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

Hours required for degree: _____

Hours remaining: _____

Sequence of courses to be followed in the completion of this program (Please indicate which semester):

| Semester | | Semester | |
|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Course | Hours | Course | Hours |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Total: | _____ | Total: | _____ |

Is the nominee eligible to enroll in the above courses? Yes _____ No _____

If no, please explain. _____

Will this sequence of courses be available during the terms requested? Yes _____ No _____

Will this sequence of courses complete the degree requirements of the nominee? Yes _____ No _____

Cumulative GPA to this date (4.00 scale): _____

Cumulative GPA in the major to this date (4.00 scale): _____

What GPA is required for a degree in this major? _____

Signature

Title

Name (please print)

Date

Endorsement from Student/Athlete's Coach

(To be completed by the athletic coach of nominee)

This section is to be completed by nominee:

Name of nominee: _____

UIN: _____

Sport in which the nominee participated: _____

Please indicate the number of years in which athletics-related aid was received:

| | Tuition Waiver (Indicate Semesters) | Room and Board (Indicate Amount) | Books (Amount) | Fees (Amount) |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2007-2008 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2008-2009 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2009-2010 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2010-2011 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

The above nominee exhausted eligibility as of _____.
(date)

Please provide your assessment of the student/athlete for a UIC Degree-Completion Award:

I highly recommend: _____

I recommend: _____

I do not recommend: _____

Coach's Name (please print)

Coach's signature

Date