The Student Assistance Fund (SAF) was established and funded by the NCAA 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 fund is intended to provide direct benefits to student-athletes or their families.

**Student-Athletes who are eligible for the Student Assistance Fund**

- All student-athletes are eligible (including medical non counters and fifth year student-athletes who have exhausted athletic eligibility), though some funds are restricted to student-athletes who receive Pell Grants or demonstrate financial need.

**Student-Athletes who are not eligible for the Student Assistance Fund**

- Non-qualifiers in their first year of residence.

**Examples of Permissible Expenses**

- Summer school expenses
- Tutoring expenses
- International student insurance, fees and/or taxes
- Professional program testing
- Academic center supplies
- Student-athlete academic course supplies not covered by scholarship
- SAAC events/programming
- Medical, dental, or vision expenses for student-athletes (not covered by another insurance program) – Dental is limited to $250 per academic year
- Clothing – up to $500 per academic year (based upon available funds)
- Travel – Family Emergencies
- Academic support services (*e.g.* testing for disabilities)
- Graduation celebratory events
- Student-athlete meals, picnics, and social events

**Request Procedures**

- **International fees and insurance**
  - For international student-athletes only: The compliance office will determine if such charges have been added to the student-athlete’s account. Once the charge(s) is verified, it will be paid for from the SAF account.

- **Summer school**
  - Student-athletes seeking summer school athletic scholarships must complete a summer school request form with his/her athletic academic counselor. A committee will consider each request. Once a determination is made, an email is sent to the student-athlete informing him/her know of the decision.

- **All other requests**
  - The student-athlete must complete the NCAA Student Assistance Fund form and return it to Kristi Pierce in the compliance office. Once a decision is made, an email is sent to the student-athlete informing him/her of the decision.