

**Bellarmino University Athletic Department
2005-06 Student-Athlete Handbook**

Section 8: Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of athletic grants is available to all participants of each intercollegiate team on recommendation by the coach of each sport and approval by the athletic director and the director of student aid. Athletic grant-in-aids are made available in a package with all other financial aid that is available to all college students who can demonstrate a need factor through the completion of financial aid materials. The amount of athletic aid is subject to the regulations of the national associations governing the men and women sport programs, as well as state and federal grant regulations.

University Charges Not Covered by the Full Grant-In-Aid:

- Orientation Fee
- Residence Halls damage deposit
- Cost of treatment for non-athletically related injuries
- School insurance policy – you will be charged a fee per semester if you do not complete the insurance form listing your current insurance coverage. This is separate from the athletic forms you must complete.
- Library fines
- Fines for damage to university property
- School supplies, reference books, pens, notebooks, etc.
- Vehicle Registration Fee, parking fines, etc.
- Lost textbooks

Student-Athlete Employment

If your coach or another staff member helps you find employment, keep in mind that you are representing the Department of Athletics and the University. Employment contacts made on your behalf are made in compliance with departmental and NCAA rules and regulations.

Report this type of employment to the compliance officer.

Rules of Employment

- The following rules are applicable to any type of student-athlete employment:
- The work performed must be useful;
- The rate of pay must be the normal rate of pay for duties performed;
- The hours paid must be the hours worked;
- Payment in advance of hours worked is not permitted; and transportation to work may be provided only if transportation is available to employees.

Renewal or Non-renewal of Athletics Financial Aid (15.3.5)

It is the policy of the Bellarmine Athletics Department to honor its financial commitment to each student-athlete in accordance with NCAA (15.3) and the Great Lakes Valley

Conference rules. An athletics aid award may be issued for a minimum of one (1) semester and for not more than one (1) academic year (15.3.3).

Upon recommendation of the head coach, all returning student-athletes eligible to receive athletics aid shall be notified in writing by the Director of Financial Aid on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which the aid to be effective.

Reduction and Cancellation (15.3.4)

Institutional financial aid may be graduated or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient:

1. Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition; or
2. Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement; or
3. Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty, or
4. Voluntarily withdraws from a sport for personal reasons. If the recipient withdraws from a sport for personal reasons prior to the institution's first competition in that sport, gradation or cancellation may occur immediately. If the recipient withdraws subsequent to the institution's first competition in that sport, the gradation or cancellation shall not occur prior to the conclusion of that semester.

Hearing Opportunity Required (15.3.4.1.3)

If the grant-in-aid is not renewed, the student-athlete must receive an appeal procedure letter in order to be notified of the right to appeal. The student-athlete who has had his/her financial aid reduced or cancelled may request a hearing to appeal the action. The student-athlete shall submit a written request to the Director of Financial Aid.

The student-athlete will be given fifteen (15) working days from the date of the non-renewal notification letter in which to notify the Director of Financial Aid of intent to appeal the decision. The expiration of this fifteen (15) working day period will conclude the student-athlete's right to appeal.