

Policy on Awarding 5th Year Athletic Grants After Eligibility is Expired

Philosophy: In realizing the difficulty Division I student-athletes may have in completing the requirements for a college degree within four years, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics would like to offer additional athletic financial aid to its most deserving student-athletes. It is the Department's intent to reward those student-athletes who have exhibited outstanding academic and athletic performance, by providing the opportunity and motivation for student-athletes to complete their college degrees.

A limited number of 5th year scholarships will be available to student-athletes. **These scholarships will cover in-state registration fees.** Historically due to the number of applicants, any student needing both the fall and spring semesters to graduate have only been awarded one semester of tuition. In accordance with NCAA bylaws, we are required to divide the award between the two terms. For instance, if tuition is \$1800 – the student will receive \$900 in the fall and \$900 in the spring. Students will need to pay the balance for each term by the designated campus fee payment deadline.

In order to qualify for one of these scholarships, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria.

Criteria

The student-athlete should...

- have been on athletic financial aid for at least the last two years
- be in their 5th year of collegiate enrollment
- have a recommendation from the head coach
- have applied for graduation
- be within 30 credits of graduation
- have a minimum CSUS and overall GPA of **2.30**
- have passed a minimum of 18 credits during the previous academic year
- have exhausted their eligibility in their sport or have had a career ending injury
- have been a team member in good standing throughout the previous academic year
- pass a minimum of 12 credits with a 2.50 GPA in the first semester of their 5th year scholarship to be eligible to receive the scholarship the second semester
- **Must serve 5-10 hours a week as a volunteer in the Athletic Department during the term(s) awarded.**
- **Must repay tuition money if courses are dropped (after the deadline) or failed.**

Important Notes:

- Student must repay tuition money if courses are dropped.
- Student may be required to repay tuition money if course(s) are failed.
- Student cannot compete on any other athletic team.

Student-athletes must submit an application which will be reviewed, and decided on, by the Athletic Director. As the demand and popularity for these scholarships increase each year, there is a strong possibility not all applicants will be awarded. Awards will be based on the availability of funds and selection of award recipients will be prioritized by those student-athletes who exhibit the highest totals in each of the following criteria:

- Total number of academic credit completed after 8 semesters.
- GPA
- Number of years at Sacramento State
- Student-athletes who are within one term of graduation
- Student-athletes who are within two terms of graduation

Applications are due to the Student-Athlete Resource Center by March 26, 2010 - noon. Any questions can be directed to Laurie Dahlberg (278-5440)

APPLICATION FOR 2010/2011 FIFTH-YEAR AID (ELIGIBILITY EXHAUSTED)

STUDENT-ATHLETE: To be considered for receipt of fifth-year financial aid upon the completion of your eligibility, submit application with a copy of your graduation plan which includes remaining degree requirement to Laurie Dahlberg by:

Friday, March 26, 2010 - noon

NCAA Bylaw 15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid

Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 14.2, or within six years after initial enrollment in a collegiate institution (provided the student does not receive such aid for more than five years during that period), or as a graduate eligible under Bylaw 14.1.9.

Please note: Fifth-year aid upon completion of eligibility is not an entitlement or part of your academic year financial aid agreement. It is awarded at the discretion of the coach and the athletic director or designee. Factors that may be considered in deciding to award the aid include the availability of funds and fulfillment of academic and team obligations. Your eligibility for fifth-year aid may be impacted by the number of summers you received athletic aid. **Fifth-year aid is intended for completion of your baccalaureate degree, and not to pursue an additional minor, second degree, or master's degree.**

Part A: To Be Completed by Student-Athlete

Name	ID Number	Phone	Sport
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GPA _____
(CSUS) (Overall)

Email address: _____

Major _____

Have you applied for graduation? Y N
(Circle one)

Expected date of graduation: _____

Number of credits needed to graduate after the Spring 2010 term: _____

Please use the chart below to indicate the courses required to complete your degree (major, GE, etc.)*

Summer 2010	Units	Fall 2010	Units	Spring 2011	Units

*see your major advisor (if necessary)

As part of your 5th Year Scholarship award, you are required to volunteer in the Athletic Department. You may choose to help out with your team or get involved in another area of the department. Possible areas to give back (and gain valuable work experience) would be: Media Relations, Marketing & Promotions, Strength and Conditioning, Event Management, Ticketing, Stinger Athletic Association, Student-Athlete Resource Center (Advising and Compliance), Life Skills, and Athletic Administration. Please contact your Laurie Dahlberg to notify her of your decision.

I, _____, certify that all the statements made on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will be expected to enroll for the credits indicated to complete my degree and that failure to do so or to regularly attend these courses will lead to the cancellation of my scholarship. I authorize Sacramento State University and the Student-Athlete Resource Center to investigate and verify all statements obtained in this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Deadline: Friday, March 26, 2010 - noon