

Extra Benefits

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability (NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3)

A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline tickets, clothing) or a service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning) from an institutional employee or a representative of its athletics interests.

A student-athlete may not accept athletics equipment, supplies or clothing (e.g., tennis racquets, golf clubs, balls, shirts) from a manufacturer or commercial business.

Academic and Other Support Services

16.3.1 Permissible. A member institution may finance academic and other support services that the institution, at its discretion, determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Tutoring expenses;
- (b) On-campus student development and career counseling (including the provision of related materials of little or no commercial value to student-athletes) using outside resources;
- (c) Future professional sports career counseling from a panel appointed by the institution's chief executive officer (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). (see Bylaws 11.1.4.1 and 12.3.4);
- (d) Actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or legal proceedings that result from the student-athlete's involvement in athletics practice or competitive events. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests);
- (e) Cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all students in the course;
- (f) Organized day planners that are non-electronic; and
- (g) Required course-related supplies, as specified in Bylaw 15.2.3.

16.3.1.1 Exceptions.

- (a) Use of computers and typewriters. A student-athlete shall use institutionally owned computers and typewriters only on a check-out and retrieval basis.
- (b) Typing/word processing/editing services or costs. Typing/word processing/editing services or costs shall not be provided, even if typed reports and other papers are a requirement of a course in which a student-athlete is enrolled.
- (c) Use of copy machine, fax machines and the Internet. It is permissible for an institution to pay the actual and necessary expenses for the cost of copying, faxing or using Internet services, including related long-distance charges, only while the student-athlete is away from campus representing the institution, provided the expense is for purposes related to the completion of required academic course work.

NCAA regulations prohibit member institutions from providing the following services:

- Typing costs
- Course supplies
- Use of a copy machine

Permissible Medical Expenses

NCAA regulations permit member institutions to provide medical expenses for injury or illness that are incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics (NCAA Bylaw 16.4.1). These medical expenses include:

- Athletics medical insurance
- Death and dismemberment insurance for travel connected with intercollegiate athletics competition and practice
- -rehabilitation expenses
- Counseling expenses related to the treatment of eating disorders
- Special individual expenses resulting from permanent disability that precludes further athletics participation. The injury or illness must have occurred while the student-athlete was enrolled at the institution or while the prospect was on an official paid visit
- Glasses, contact lenses or protective eyewear (e.g., goggles) for student-athletes who require visual correction in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics
- Medical examinations at any time for enrolled student-athletes
- Medical examinations for prospective student-athletes. The exam cannot include any test or procedure designed to measure athletics agility or skill of the prospect. (Only medical personnel may be present during the exam - no coaches or other personnel are allowed)
- Expenses for medical treatment (including transportation and other related costs) incurred by a student-athlete as a result of an athletically related injury. Medical documentation must be available to support the necessity of the treatment at a location other than the institution.
- Surgical expenses to a student-athlete (including partial or nonqualifier) who is injured during the academic year while participating in voluntary physical activities that will prepare the student athlete for competition.
- Medical or hospital expenses incurred as the result of an injury while going to or from class, or while participating in classroom requirements. Medication and physical therapy utilized by a student-athlete during the academic year to enable the individual to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
- Preseason dental examination conducted in conjunction with a regular preseason physical examination.

Impermissible Medical Expenses

Student-athlete medical expenses that may NOT be financed by Limestone College are (NCAA Bylaw 16.4.2):

- Student-athlete health insurance. Unless the student-athlete is in a certain sector of the student body that is required to purchase health insurance.
- Surgical expenses to treat an injury or illness that was not the result of practice for or participation in intercollegiate athletics at the institution and did not occur in voluntary physical activities that will prepare the student-athlete for competition.
- Teeth cleaning, provisional filling of teeth or other dental work, unless the dental work is directly related to an injury to the teeth that occurred during practice or competition.