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## *Athletics Aid Frequently Asked Questions*

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- 1. What does my award include?** Please refer to the scholarship agreement you signed when committing to ASU. That amount is based on the value of a full scholarship or what we call, a Full Grant-In-Aid (FGIA). A FGIA is financial aid that consists of tuition, permissible fees, room, board, textbooks, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance (COA). Therefore, if you were awarded a percentage (5%, 25%, 50%, etc.), the amount disbursed will be calculated from the FGIA figure, which will equal your COA figure. This figure is adjusted annually, taking institutional increases into account.

If your award was an equivalency/percentage, in all likelihood, it includes books. Student-athletes will receive textbooks listed through MyASU at the beginning of each semester's book pick-up date (see below).

If your award includes fees, please note it is **not** permissible for athletics to pay the \$300 Enrollment/Orientation Fee. This is a charge assessed to you while a prospect and not included in your scholarship.

- 2. It says on my account that I only receive \$800 for books, is that accurate?** The \$800 figure set by the NCAA and calculated into each student-athlete's COA. In actuality, there is no dollar limit for books a student-athlete may receive. Book scholarships do not disburse to your account.

If your scholarship includes books, you do not need to reserve or purchase most of your books. Your books will be ordered for you and available for pick-up at the Tempe bookstore during a time scheduled by your coach. Some professors do not go through the bookstore, so please check all your syllabi and work with your academic coach to make sure you get all your textbooks. If you do purchase your books, please save the receipts for reimbursement.

- 3. When will my award disburse to my student account?** ASU financial aid disbursements do not occur until one week before the first day of classes at the earliest. (Note: Federal laws do not allow students aid to be posted more than 10 days from the first day of classes.) Sometimes delays may occur for various reasons so please check your MyASU account for potential holds. Also, before the ASU disbursement happens, the Compliance Office must verify that you are an NCAA Final Qualifier.

- 4. Why hasn't my aid disbursed to pay my outstanding charges?** Aid will not disburse if you a) have not been cleared by the NCAA Eligibility Center, b) are not enrolled, or c) have a HOLD on your account. One of the most common disbursement holds we see are for citizenship verification. All first time ASU students, both international and domestic, are required to submit documentation verifying their citizenship per Arizona law. Until documentation is provided, a disbursement hold will be placed on your student account. A copy of the Citizenship Verification form is enclosed. We **HIGHLY** recommend submitting it ASAP.

- 5. What does CIL mean?** CIL refers to cash-in-lieu of full room, board, tuition, and/or other expenses related to attendance at ASU up to the cost of attendance. If you're receiving a partial scholarship, depending on your award amount, once your tuition, fees, and books are paid, the remainder of your scholarship is disbursed as cash in lieu.

For partial scholarship student-athletes living on campus, all of your CIL will be disbursed at the start of each term and applied to any outstanding charges. In most cases for student-athletes living off campus who receive an athletics scholarship above 44% for in state and 65% for out of state, CIL is disbursed as a check four times each semester for pick-up at the student accounts counter in the Student Services Building on campus.

If you're receiving a full scholarship (100%), your tuition, fees, and books will be paid, and the remainder of your scholarship will be in the form of CIL up to the cost of attendance. For on-campus student-athletes, the CIL amount will

disburse all at once and pay off outstanding charges on your account including housing and plan charges. The CIL amount may pay off something not covered by your athletics scholarship such as parking or the enrollment/orientation fee. This would leave you with an outstanding housing or meal plan balance. The outstanding balance will be your responsibility, but note that you will receive the exact amount that you are supposed to receive. You can always see what your scholarship goes towards by logging into your PeopleSoft account at:

<https://cs.oasis.asu.edu/psp/asucsprd/EMPLOYEE/CAMP/?cmd=logout>

6. **On my MyASU to-do list, it says I should file a FAFSA? Should I? YES!** The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and it's highly encouraged to complete. Based on your parent's tax information, this will help determine your eligibility for federal student loans and grants. It will also help determine if you are eligible for funds offered by the NCAA. The FAFSA is not available to international students.
7. **I filed my FAFSA and it looked like I was to receive a grant, but now this grant no longer appears in my awards summary. Why?** If you are a recruited student-athlete who is receiving athletics aid, you are not eligible to receive institutionally administered grants. The most common grant is the "University Grant". Such aid may be considered countable, athletically-related financial aid. If this aid is received, your athletic aid must be reduced to keep you at the amount you were awarded on your scholarship agreement. In most cases a student-athlete will not be permitted to receive a "University Grant" if the student-athlete is receiving athletics aid. You may, however, receive state and federal administered grants such as a federal Pell Grant.
8. **I have received a New American University Scholarship (NAU), how does that affect my athletics aid?** NAU Dean's, Provost's and President's scholarships are awarded to incoming students with outstanding high school academic records. Visit <https://students.asu.edu/scholarships> for more information. These awards are renewable each year (up to four years) if you remain in good academic standing.

Institutional award recipients must meet an NCAA legislative exception for the award not to count in the overall team award limits. The student must meet one of the three guidelines: rank in the upper 10% of their high school graduating class, achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, or score a minimum of 105 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT. If one of these exceptions is not met, his or her athletics award will be reduced to stay within the limit that was offered when the Letter of Intent/scholarship agreement was signed. Returning student-athletes must maintain a cumulative ASU GPA of at least a 3.0 to receive both athletics aid and the academic aid.

If you are a full scholarship athlete, your athletics aid and academic award will be combined to bring you to full COA. If you are on partial scholarship, you will receive both your academic and athletics award without adjustment, as long as you remain within COA and meet the NCAA exceptions.

9. **I have been awarded a non-ASU scholarship, how does that affect my athletics aid?** All outside scholarships are subject to Sun Devil Athletics approval before their disbursing to your student account. This is to ensure that your receipt of this award had no relationship to athletics ability. NCAA rules require you to report all outside aid to ASU. Please submit all outside aid documentation to Justin Pollnow, Director of Compliance at [justin.pollnow@asu.edu](mailto:justin.pollnow@asu.edu).
10. **How do I pay charges on my student account and what is FERPA?** Charges to your student account can be paid via QuikPAY through your MyASU portal. ASU values the privacy of its students, including Student Financial Accounts. Privacy requirements have been established by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), and ASU strictly adheres to these guidelines.

These guidelines prohibit SDA from discussing student financials with anyone other than the student. Parents may gain access to their student's financial account in order to assist them with financial matters if authorized by their son/daughter. A FERPA Student Consent Release Form must be submitted to the University Registrar's Office. The form can be found at <https://students.asu.edu/forms/FERPAconsent>.

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