

IPFW Student Athlete Opportunity & Special Assistance Fund Application

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Guidelines of the program

PURPOSE: The Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF) and the Special Assistance Fund (SAF) are intended to provide direct benefits to student-athletes. As a guiding principle, the funds shall be used to assist student-athletes in meeting financial needs that arise in conjunction with enrollment in academic curriculum. Accordingly, receipt of SAOF or SAF monies shall not be included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. All student-athletes, including international students, are eligible to receive SAOF or SAF benefits, regardless of whether they are grant-in-aid recipients, have demonstrated need or have either exhausted eligibility or no longer participate due to medical reasons.

USE OF FUNDS: IPFW has chosen to use these funds primarily for the tuition of 5th year student-athletes who have exhausted eligibility. Secondly, remaining funds will be used for the tuition of summer school, emergency expenses and graduate/professional testing fees.

FIFTH YEAR TUITION CRITERIA:

1. Previous recipient of an IPFW Athletic Scholarship
2. Exhausted Athletic Eligibility
3. Is in Good Academic Standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above)
4. Completed eligibility in Good Athletic Standing (i.e. did not quit team, was not removed from team, or rendered self ineligible)
5. Will graduate with the completion of a fifth year of school
6. Has never received an "F" grade (applicable to those athletes who were on a full scholarship)
7. Individuals with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or above will be likely to receive more aid than those with less than a 3.0 GPA
8. Amount shall not exceed the cost of the tuition
9. Complete this form in June prior to the applicable year

PROCEDURE:

1. Compliance Office notifies coaches in May that the Fifth Year requests are to be made in June
2. Coaches submit this request to the Compliance Office for Fifth Year approvals in June
3. Coaches are notified of approved and denied Fifth Year requests in July
4. During the Fall Semester, the Compliance Office notifies coaches with the amount of funds available for the secondary requests
5. Coaches submit secondary requests throughout the year to the Compliance Office
6. Receipts are required for Exam Fees, Testing Fees, and Emergency Expenses
7. Coaches are notified of approved and denied Secondary requests throughout the year.

NOTICE: Requests are not guaranteed to be approved and must be approved by the Compliance Office, the Business Office and even the Director of Athletics in some instances.

Application

Student-Athlete Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____ Sport: _____

Requested Use	Amount Requested	Description (used for Exam, Testing, and Emergency Expenses)
Fifth Year Tuition		
Summer School Tuition		
Graduate School Exam Fees		
Professional Testing Fees		
Emergency Expenses		

Signature of Student-Athlete or Coach (if applicable)

Date

Signature of Compliance Coordinator

Date

Signature of Associate Athletic Director

Date

Signature of Athletic Director

Date