



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID – SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES

Student-Athlete Grant-In-Aid Policy and Procedure

Grant-In-Aid

A full grant-in-aid is defined as the cost of tuition, fees, room, board and required textbooks. The period of an award cannot exceed one year. Grant-in-Aid renewals are completed in the spring for continuing student-athletes on athletic scholarships. For incoming freshmen, a grant-in-aid must accompany the National Letter of Intent during the designated signing period.

Renewal/Reduction/Cancellation of Athletic Aid

The renewal of a one-year grant-in-aid agreement must be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which the aid will be distributed. Student-athletes receiving a one-year agreement athletics scholarship during the previous year will be notified as to whether their aid has been renewed, increased, reduced, or cancelled. Athletics aid granted by an NCAA institution may not be awarded for a period of more than one year unless a multi-year athletics grant-in-aid is issued. At the end of each academic year, aid may be renewed, increased, reduced, or cancelled at the discretion of the institution.

Appeal Summary

In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 15.3.2.4 (Hearing Opportunity), the following outlines North Carolina A&T State University policies and procedures for conducting an appeal hearing related to the cancellation, reduction, or non-renewal of athletics aid.

Policy

A student-athlete who wishes to appeal any decision related to his or her athletic grant-in-aid shall submit the Student-Athlete Grant-in-Aid Appeals Request form and any supporting documentation to the Student Financial Aid office. The Office of Student Financial Aid will schedule a hearing before the Grant-in-Aid Appeals Committee so that the student-athlete and Coach can state their respective sides (each meeting with the coach separately).

The student-athlete will have the option to appear in person with the committee or allow the committee to make a decision based upon supporting documentation.

The committee will review all documentation submitted as well as any statements made during the appeal hearing to make their decision. The committee's decision is final and there is no further appeal beyond the Grant-in-Aid Appeals Committee. The student-athlete will be notified of the committee's decision either verbally and/or in writing.



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Procedures

The Office of Student Financial Aid will send a notification of non-renewal, cancellation or reduction of athletics aid to the student-athlete. This is sent electronically via email and also via certified mail.

If the student-athlete wishes to appeal the non-renewal, cancellation or reduction of athletics aid, he/she must submit this request in writing to the Office of Student Financial Aid. This request must be submitted within ten (10) business days from the date on the non-renewal, cancellation, or reduction letter. If the student-athlete does not appeal within this appeal window or informs the Office of Student Financial Aid in writing that he/she will not be submitting an appeal then the hearing opportunity will be forfeited.

An appeal hearing will be scheduled upon receipt of appeal form and will be scheduled at a time in which all involved individuals can be present. Should any necessary party not be able to attend, all efforts will be made to arrange for the absent party to participate via teleconference or videoconference. If the student-athlete cannot be present for the appeals committee hearing, the student-athlete appeal will be based upon the supporting documentation provided.

Student-athletes may have parent(s) and/or legal counsel present, however they are not allowed to speak on the students behalf what so ever during the hearing.

Hearing Format

The committee members will convene in private session to review any submitted statements and/or documentation prior to meeting with the student-athlete. The Committee Chair will then call for all parties to join the committee in open session. The Committee Chair shall make introductions and review the hearing format.

The student-athlete will be asked to present his/her side. The committee members may ask questions directly to the student-athlete at this time. Once the committee has no more questions, the student-athlete will be allowed to ask any questions and advised he/she will be notified within five (5) business days.

The committee will then meet separately with the coach(s) (if available) to present their side. The committee members may ask questions directly to the coach(s) at this time. Once the committee has no more questions, the coach will be notified of the committee decision within five (5) business days.

The Committee Chair will call for any additional questions of the committee. Questions should be for clarification to any statements or submitted documentation as well as clarification of the application. Upon conclusion, the committee will deliberate and vote. The Committee Chair will then inform the student-athlete of the decision and will send the written notification will be sent via email and/or certified mail. The Committee Chair will also inform Athletics Compliance and coach via email and/or interoffice mail of the committee's decision.