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. NOTE: This scholarship is not for the purpose of adding a minor or double major (or concentration). The intent of this scholarship is to assist student-athletes in completing their primary degree objective.

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 $3400 – the student will receive $1700 in the fall and $1700 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 and have exhausted their athletic eligibility (or career ending injury)
- have a recommendation from the head coach
- have applied for Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 graduation
- have a minimum CSUS and overall GPA of 2.30
- have been a team member in good standing throughout the previous academic year
- have earned all four points for their teams APR the previous year

Important Note:
- Student cannot compete on any other athletic team while receiving 5th year aid.
- Student must repay tuition money if courses are dropped (after the deadline).
- The Athletic Department will rescind any 5th year scholarship if all four individual APR points aren’t earned for your team’s APR totals.

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:
- 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 your head coach by Friday, April 1, 2016 - noon.
Sacramento State University

APPLICATION FOR 2016/2017 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 your head coach:

**Friday, April 1, 2016 - noon**

*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**

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*see your major advisor (if necessary)
Sacramento State Athletics
5th Year Scholarship Application
(2016-2017 Academic Year)

**Part B:** Please submit a 1-page typed written essay stating your educational goals and the reasons that you believe you are deserving of this scholarship.

________________________________________________________________

**Part C: To Be Completed by Head Coach**

The above applicant exhausted eligibility for athletics-related aid as of ___/___/___
The applicant last received athletics-related aid in what year? __________________
Did the applicant receive athletic scholarship during their first year at Sac State? ____Y ____N
What was the student’s initial-eligibility status at the time of enrollment?
___ Qualifier ___Non-Qualifier
Please provide your assessment of the student-athlete as a candidate for a 5th Year Scholarship including the student-athlete’s potential to complete their degree. Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

___ I strongly recommend that this applicant be considered for a 5th Year Scholarship.
___ I recommend that this applicant be considered for a 5th Year Scholarship.
___ I do not recommend that this applicant be considered for a 5th Year Scholarship.

Signature of Head Coach ____________________ Date ____________________

**To be signed by the Student-Athlete**

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, April 1, 2016 - noon