



## Athletics Financial Aid Policy

2025 - 2026

The following NCAA policies regulate financial aid for student-athletes. The benefits listed below are the maximum allowed by NCAA regulation and are provided for your information. Stony Brook University may or may not provide all benefits listed.

1. Student-athletes can accept institutional financial aid that may cover up to the cost of tuition, fees, housing and food, and required course-related books and other expenses related to attendance. (i.e., full grant-in-aid, per Bylaw 15.02.6). NCAA regulations specify that student-athletes cannot accept aid beyond those costs, except as permitted by NCAA legislation. Exceptions to this rule are Pell Grants. Division I student-athletes who qualify for Pell Grants can receive Pell Grants more than the cost of attendance. Student-athletes who qualify for a Pell Grant may receive up to the full amount, depending on whether there are any pre-existing conditions stipulated within their Athletics Grant-in-Aid Agreement.
2. Student-athletes may obtain loans without affecting their athletic awards if the loans:
  - Are available on the same basis to all students who meet eligibility requirements
  - Have a regular schedule for repayment.
3. SBU must administer all the student-athlete's financial aid, except for:
  - Financial aid received from one upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;
  - Awarded solely on the bases of having no relationship to athletics ability (student-athletes must report these awards to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services);
  - Awarded through an established and continuing outside program provided: (a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; (b) there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and (c) the financial aid is not provided by an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program to an individual who is or has been a member of that team or organization.
4. Athletics aid cannot be decreased, reduced, or canceled during the period of the award because of the student-athlete's illness, injury, athletics performance, ability or any other athletics reason. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g. financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of award if the conditions are not satisfied. Stony Brook may set forth non-athletically related conditions that may decrease, reduce, or cancel during the period of the award. (example misconduct, rendering ineligible, voluntarily quit, entering the transfer portal)
5. Student-athletes, who have eligibility remaining in the sport in which the aid was awarded, are to be notified in writing by July 1 if their athletics aid is to be renewed, reduced or not renewed. If athletics aid is to be reduced or is not to be renewed, the student-athlete is entitled to a prompt appeals hearing before the institution's

regular financial aid authority. Stony Brook University reserves the right to cancel aid after the period of award, due to completing all requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

6. Hearing Opportunity. The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the student athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is reduced or canceled during the period of the award or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year. The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request and shall not delegate the responsibility for conducting the hearing to the university's athletics department or its faculty athletics committee.
7. If a student-athlete fails to attend Stony Brook University during any given semester the grant-in-aid will be canceled. Student-athletes are responsible for canceling any classes that the student-athlete is registered for prior to the end of the first week of classes for that semester. In addition, student-athletes must notify Campus Residences to cancel student-athlete's housing and the ID/M meal Plan Office to cancel the meal plan (if applicable) prior to their published deadlines. Failure to do so will result in charges on the student-athlete's account for which the student-athlete must pay.

#### **Four Year Undergraduate Transfers ONLY-**

The athletic grant-in aid is a multi-year agreement, guaranteed by the Stony Brook University Athletic Department until one of the following occurs per bylaw 15.3.4.2.1

- Student athlete provides notification of transfer and enrolls at a new institution.
- A student athlete loses his or her amateur status by turning professional or an amateur violation.
- A student athlete's 5-year period of eligibility has expired or has completed all requirements for a baccalaureate degree, whichever occurs first.
- Stony Brook University dismisses student per University regulations (e.g. academic integrity, community standards misconduct).

