The Special Assistance Fund was initiated by the NCAA to meet the student-athletes' needs of an emergency or essential nature for which financial assistance otherwise is not available.

The following student-athletes are eligible to apply for funds:
1. Pell-eligible student-athletes, including student-athletes whom have exhausted their athletics eligibility or no longer are able to participate because of medical reasons.
2. Student-athletes who are receiving countable aid and who have demonstrated financial need, including student-athletes whom have exhausted their athletics eligibility or no longer are able to participate because of medical reasons.
   a. Demonstrated financial need is defined as the cost of attendance minus expected family contribution prior to any athletics related aid or other aid being awarded.
   b. Domestic student-athletes will have demonstrated financial need if they qualify for a Pell Grant or have demonstrated financial need determined annually by the institution's financial aid department using the federal methodology or the needs analysis methodology used to award institutional need-based funds to all students.
   c. Demonstrated financial need for foreign student-athletes must be determined and certified annually in writing by the official foreign student entity of the institution outside of the department of athletics.

The following student-athletes are not eligible to apply for the funds:
1. Student-Athletes (domestic or foreign) who receive countable aid (i.e., aid that counts against team limits) and are not Pell-eligible and do not have demonstrated financial need.
2. Student-Athletes (domestic and foreign) who do not receive any countable aid (i.e., aid that counts against team limits) and are not Pell-eligible.
3. Non-qualifiers in their initial year of residence. A student-athlete must qualify for the fund on an annual basis.

The following are permissible uses of the fund:
1. Cost of clothing, travel from campus to home and other essential expenses (not entertainment) up to $500.
2. Cost of expendable academic course supplies (e.g., notebook and pens) and rental of nonexpendable supplies (e.g., computer equipment and cameras) that are required for all students enrolled in the course.
3. Medical and dental costs not covered by another insurance program (e.g., premiums for optional medical insurance, hearing aids, vision therapy and off-campus psychological counseling).
4. Costs associated with student-athlete or family emergencies.
The following are restrictions on the use of the funds:
1. Financing any portion of an institutional grant-in-aid that could have been awarded to the student-athlete is prohibited.
2. Entertainment expenses for student-athletes are not permissible.
3. The purchase of disability, illness or injury insurance to protect against the loss of potential future professional sports earnings is not permissible.
4. The funds may not be used for administrative purposes (conferences may not charge an administrative fee, nor may salary or staff expenses for administration of the funds be paid from these moneys).

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### Eligible Student-Athletes Chart

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