

Educational Column: Previously Approved Incidental Expenses. (I)

NCAA Division I institutions should note that the previously approved incidental expenses legislation provides that specific incidental expenses that have been previously approved by the NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief may be processed by an institution or conference. Prior the adoption of the legislation, an institution was required to submit a waiver request to the NCAA national office each time the institution wanted to provide expenses not authorized under NCAA rules to a student-athlete.

The following is a list of waiver requests that have been approved as of November 2, 2001, by a two-thirds majority of the previous NCAA Division I Management Council, as amended due to specific subsequent changes to underlying legislation (e.g., NCAA Proposal No. 2003-139). These incidental expenses can be approved by institutions or conferences without submitting a formal waiver request to the NCAA.

Transportation Expenses

1. Transportation expenses to return home for the birth of the student-athlete's baby.
2. Transportation expenses for student-athletes to attend the funeral of a member of their former coach's immediate family.
3. Transportation expenses for student-athletes to obtain a visa, provided such expenses are not available through the NCAA Special Assistance Fund.
4. Transportation expenses for student-athletes to serve as witnesses in a lawsuit filed by a former student-athlete against the institution and/or a coaching staff member.
5. Travel expenses for an international student-athlete to take a citizenship examination in conjunction with the student-athlete's travel to an away-from-home competition.

Misfortune Expenses

1. Expenses to replace lost or stolen items (e.g., jewelry, clothing, money) that were stolen while the student was engaged in the participation of intercollegiate athletics (police report required).
2. Expenses to replace stolen essential items (e.g., dorm or apartment key, identification cards, textbooks), regardless of athletics participation (police report required).
3. Expenses to cover the cost of repairs to a student-athlete's automobile damaged by an institutional employee or student manager.

4. Expenses to repair a student-athlete's automobile that was vandalized during an away-from-home competition when the automobile was parked in a lot used by student-athletes when they travel.
5. Institutional monetary donation to a fund to assist a former student-athlete who sustained loss in the former student-athlete's home.

Miscellaneous

1. Expenses to pay for housing costs (e.g., rent, utility bills) for the rest of the term to a student-athlete when his or her roommate dies.
2. For a member conference to provide T-shirts as mementos for conference student-athlete advisory committee.

Celebratory Events

1. Expenses for student-athletes to attend banquets honoring a retiring coach.
2. To provide flowers or other similar mementos to the parents or individuals representing the student-athlete's parents during senior day or night.
3. To pay for formal wear (e.g., tuxedo, evening gown) rental expenses for student-athletes who are working at institutional promotional events or are being honored at an awards event.
4. To provide complimentary admissions to the family members of student-athletes to attend a home athletics contest that follows a celebratory event (e.g., awards dinner or brunch for scholar student-athletes).
5. To provide transportation and meal expenses for student-athletes to attend a banquet honoring their coach.
6. To permit members of an institution's coaching staff to purchase gifts (valued at less than \$25) for a pregnant team member.

Expenses Removed From the List of Previously Approved Incidental Expenses

The following is a list of incidental expenses that have been removed from the March 1, 2012, previously approved incidental expenses educational column (which has been archived). Due to changes in the legislation, institutions are permitted to provide these expenses without the need for an incidental expense waiver.

Transportation Expenses

1. Transportation expenses to attend the Apple Conference.
2. Transportation expenses (on one occasion) to visit a close ailing family member (e.g., parents, siblings, grandparents, aunt or uncle who helped raise the student-athlete, cousin who lived in the same household as the student-athlete).
3. Transportation expenses for team members to attend the funeral of a member of a teammate's immediate family outside of a 100-mile radius of the institution. The teammates must have an established relationship with the deceased and the student-athlete.
4. Transportation expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of a former teammate, coach or former coach.
5. Transportation expenses for a student-athlete who is being honored at an awards ceremony.
6. Transportation expenses to the NCAA Woman of the Year Dinner for the parents or legal guardians of an exhausted-eligibility student-athlete who is a finalist for the award.
7. Expenses for a student-athlete to transport another student-athlete home to attend the funeral of an immediate family member.
8. Transportation expenses for immediate family members to visit a hospitalized student-athlete due to injury.

Misfortune Expenses

1. Expenses to replace items belonging to a student-athlete that were lost in a disaster (e.g., fire, hurricane).
2. Expenses to provide lodging for student-athletes who were displaced by a disaster (e.g., fire, hurricane).
3. For an institution to donate funds to a fund-raiser conducted by a charitable organization for a student-athlete's ailing family member.
4. Actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete's family members to care for an ailing student-athlete.

5. To provide a fruit basket (restricted to \$50 or less) to a student-athlete's family whose house burned down.
6. To provide expenses to cover typing expenses for an injured student-athlete.
7. To provide student-athlete's with an inexpensive memento (e.g., stickpin) in memory of a teammate who has passed away.
8. To purchase a temporary handicapped parking pass for an injured student-athlete.
9. To reimburse a student-athlete who loses his or her institutionally issued meal money while on a road trip for an away-from-home contest or competition.

Miscellaneous

1. Expenses to provide flowers to an injured student-athlete.
2. To provide flowers to an ailing or deceased member of a student-athlete's immediate family.
3. Expenses for a student-athlete to receive psychological counseling.
4. Expenses to take entrance exams required for admittance to an institution's college or program.
5. To provide expenses (e.g., admission cost, meals) for student-athletes to attend on-campus leadership development/life-skills programs.
6. To provide meal expenses to student-athletes who are enrolled in a life-skills program geared toward cooking and nutrition.
7. To provide a hearing aid for a student-athlete.
8. To provide T-shirts to student-athletes involved in life-skills programs and seminars.
9. To permit an institution to pay for meal expenses for student-athletes to attend a dinner auction for an endowment fund in memory of a student-athlete who recently passed away.
10. To provide meal expenses for a student-athlete to have a meal with the winner of a kid's club contest.
11. To provide student-athletes with long distance calling expenses when they are participating in institutional priority registration for student-athletes while they are at an away-from-home contest or competition.

Celebratory Events

- Expenses to provide a meal in conjunction with a team or institutional celebration (e.g., new athletics facility, ceremony honoring coach or administrator for 25 years of athletics).