

## NCAA Division III

# Financial Aid from Outside Sources Analysis

This resource is intended to assist financial aid administrators in reviewing outside aid awards. The NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee recommends that Division III institutions utilize this document as a first step in ensuring compliance with the financial aid from outside sources legislation (NCAA Division III Bylaw 15.1.2.2.), which allows student-athletes to receive

financial aid from an outside source that considers athletics provided certain criteria are met. For additional financial aid resources please contact your athletics department or conference office, file an interpretive request in Requests-Self Reports Online (RSRO) or call the Academic and Membership Affairs (AMA) Interpretations Line at 317/917-6003.

**Start here** and work your way down the page to determine if the outside aid you are examining meets the requirements of Bylaw 15.1.2.2.

- Does the award limit the recipient to attend your institution only?
- Does the donor of the award have a direct connection with your institution?
- Can the award be made on more than one occasion?



**If NO to all...**

The award is **PERMISSIBLE**

**If YES to any...**

Was athletics participation, leadership, ability or performance considered in the determination of the award recipient?



**If NO...**

Receipt of the award would be **PERMISSIBLE**

**If YES...**

Receipt of the award would be **IMPERMISSIBLE**

## TERMS TO KNOW

**Direct Connection:** A direct connection is present when the donor of an outside award is also a representative of athletics interest (*NCAA Bylaw 13.02.9*) for the institution the recipient plans on attending.

**Donor:** The individual or entity funding the outside scholarship.

**Multi-Year Disbursement:** It is permissible for outside financial aid (where athletics is considered) to be disbursed over multiple years provided the award is made on one occasion only. For example, a student-athlete receives a \$5,000 scholarship that is renewable each year until he/she graduates. There are no renewal criteria and the student-athlete does not have to do anything to continue to receive the scholarship each year. In total, he/she receives \$20,000 from this organization.

