

**2019  
DIVISION I  
REVENUE  
DISTRIBUTION  
PLAN**

academic enhancement fund  
academic performance fund  
basketball performance fund  
broad-based distributions

- sports sponsorship
- grants-in-aid

conference grants  
equal conference fund  
special assistance fund  
student-athlete opportunity  
fund



## SCHEDULE, AMOUNTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>2019 REVENUE DISTRIBUTION</b>		
<b>FUND:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
Equal Conference Fund	April 17	\$53,550,181
Basketball Performance Fund	April 17	\$168,500,833
Sports Sponsorship Fund	May 8	\$75,118,234
Grants-in-Aid Fund	May 22	\$146,932,780
Academic Enhancement Fund	June 12	\$49,219,502
Conference Grants	June 12	\$9,965,217
Special Assistance Fund (SAF)	June 12	\$18,630,621
Student Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF)	June 12	\$67,958,441
2019 Revenue Distribution Total		\$589,875,809

### Disbursements:

- Distributions are paid to either individual institutions or conferences. In the case of the Sports Sponsorship and Grants-in-Aid, the NCAA will defer to conference bylaws when processing the distributions. By the end of February, conferences are required annually to confirm in writing to the national office if it desires to have its conference distribution(s) sent directly to the conference office, substantiated by its bylaws. If a conference does not confirm in writing, with a copy of its relevant bylaw, the national office will disburse the funds directly to the respective institutions. All other distributions are paid to the conference.
- A memorandum detailing the distribution(s) will be addressed to the conference commissioner, president or chancellor, director of athletics, institutional and athletic chief financial officer, senior compliance administrator and senior woman administrator. Email addresses for the above-mentioned individuals will be captured using the NCAA directory. Please update your membership contact information to ensure proper delivery.
- Funds will be sent to the conference of which the institution is a member at the time of the distribution. The conference is responsible for disbursing the funds appropriately.
- An institution that falls in the one-year membership probation period is eligible for revenue distribution. An institution that is beyond the one-year membership probation period and/or has been placed in restricted membership is not eligible for revenue distribution.

### Report of Uses:

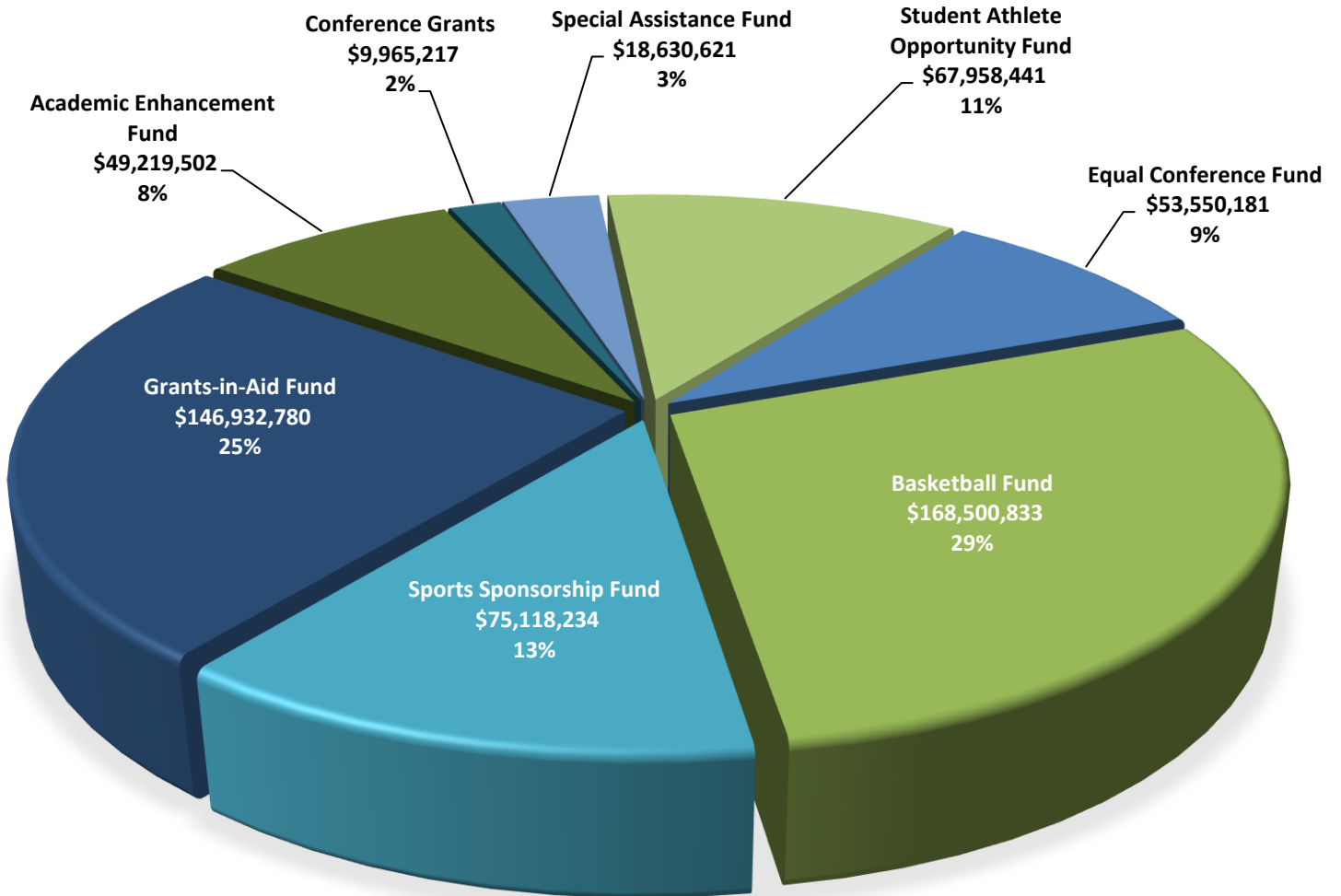
The following funds continue to require an annual report of uses, to be submitted through the NCAA Revenue Distribution application by August 31st. The Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee will conduct an annual compliance review of the report of uses, regarding both completion of timely reporting and actual expenses consistent with the allowable uses.

- Academic Enhancement
- Conference Grants; and
- Student Assistance Fund (SAF/SAOF)

### Budgeting:

Annual increases of revenue distribution funds are nominal and will not necessarily result in an increase to an individual institution's distributions. Consideration should also be given to changes that have occurred within the athletic department that would impact revenue distributions (e.g. adding or discontinuing a sport/scholarship).

**2019 Revenue Distribution Plan**  
**TOTAL: \$589,875,809**



# ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND | distribution

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The Academic Enhancement Fund is distributed equally among active Division I institutions. The fund is intended for the enhancement of academic-support programs for Division I student-athletes. In June of 2018, each active Division I institution received approximately \$136,800. The Academic Enhancement Fund will continue to allow spending on academic support salaries and benefits and capital improvements that enhance the academic services. The institution is encouraged to consider using this fund for the provision of other direct benefits to student-athletes that enhance student-athlete welfare. Common uses are listed below.

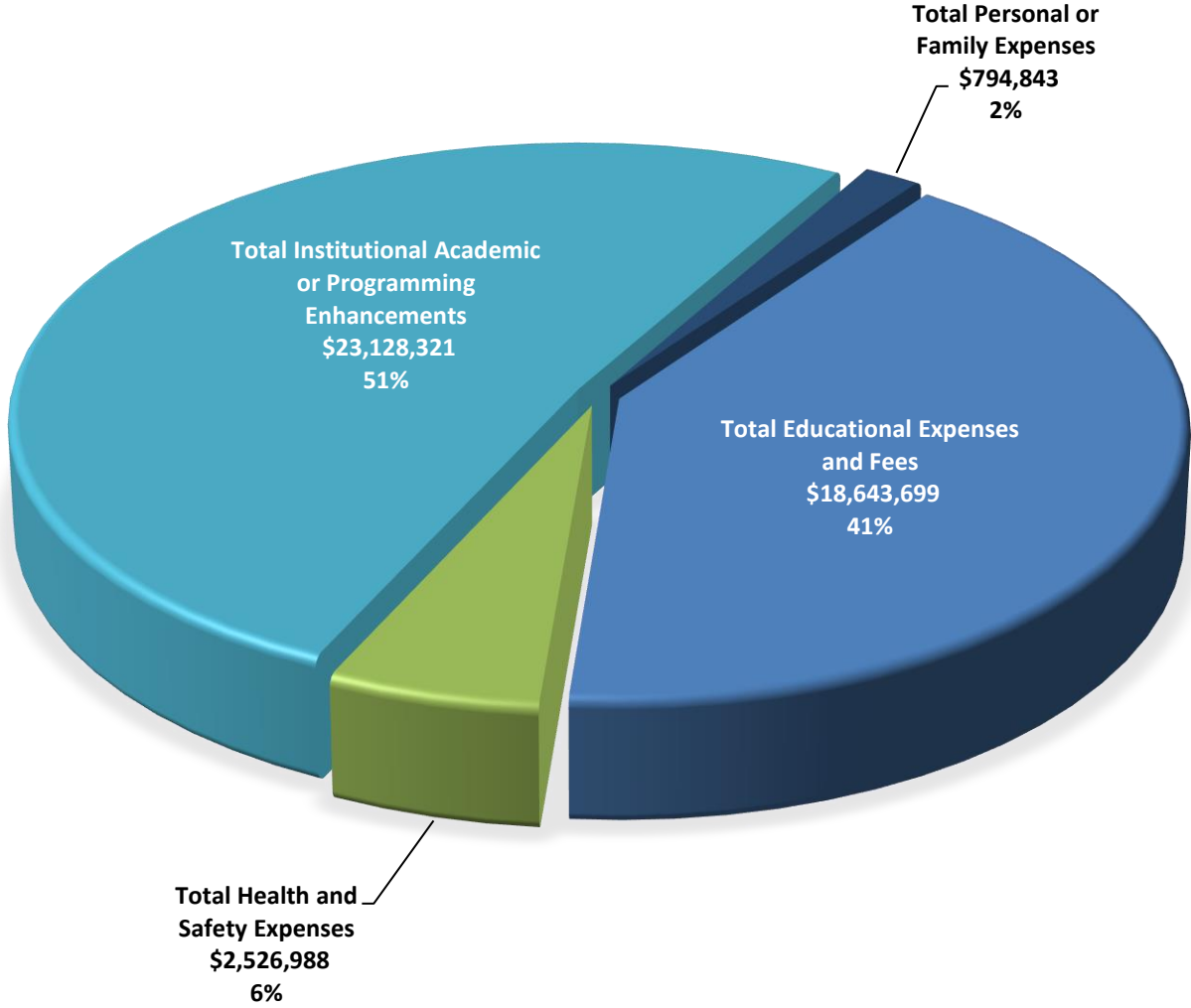


Newly active Division I institutions will receive the Academic Enhancement Fund within their first year. For example, if an institution becomes an active Division I member as of September 1, 2018, they will receive a distribution in June 2019.

The Academic Enhancement Fund will be sent to the conference to then distribute to their respective institutions. Conferences are required to submit a report of uses annually, based on information provided by their respective institutions, using the NCAA Revenue Distribution application. Independent institutions are eligible to receive the academic enhancement fund and are responsible to submit a report of uses annually to the national office.

- Allowable Uses for Academic Enhancement:
  - Summer school.
  - Fifth or sixth year aid.
  - Tutoring.
  - International student fees and taxes.
  - Professional program testing.
  - Supplies (expendable or educational).
  - Champs/Life skills/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
  - Other educational expenses.
  - Insurance premiums for student-athletes.
  - Medical, dental or vision expenses for student-athletes (not covered by another insurance program for student-athletes).
  - Other health and safety expenses.
  - Clothing.
  - Travel.
  - Other personal or family expenses.
  - Other expenses related to attendance (e.g., cost of attendance).
  - Academic achievement or graduation award.
  - Academic support services.
  - Academic personnel salaries and benefits.
  - Capital improvements/equipment.
  - Other academic or programming expenses.

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND | 2017-18 reported uses



## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE FUND | distribution

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The academic performance fund will begin in June of 2020. The fund will be distributed to conferences based on the academic performance of active and qualifying Division I institutions. Independent institutions will receive the funds directly.

The Division I Committee on Academics will manage the academic metrics and benchmarks pertaining to eligibility requirements. An institution must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for a distribution.

- Institution's NCAA Division I APR for the previous year is equal to or greater than 985;
- Institution's GSR for the most recently available year is equal to or greater than 90 percent; or
- Difference between the institution's student-athlete and student-body rates for the most recently published FGR is greater than or equal to 13 percentage points.



# BASKETBALL PERFORMANCE FUND | description

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The basketball performance fund is distributed to active Division I conferences based on their performance in the Division I Men's Basketball Championship over a six-year rolling period. Independent institutions earn unit(s) based on their championship participation within a six-year rolling period. In 2018, each basketball performance unit was approximately \$273,500 based on units earned from 2012 to 2017. The 2019 basketball fund will be sent in mid-April based on units earned from 2013 to 2018. There are no reporting requirements for the basketball performance fund.

If a newly active Division I member participates in the Division I Men's Basketball Championship in March-April 2018, the units for participants will be included in the 2019 basketball performance distribution.

One unit is awarded to each institution participating in each game, except the first game played by automatic qualifiers and the championship game. Units are retained by the conference in which they are earned. All units earned by each conference or independent within a six-year rolling period are included in the distribution calculation.



A multisport conference is defined as an entity that is comprised of at least seven-member institutions that are classified as active Division I for eight preceding academic years.

Conferences are encouraged, but not required, to distribute the basketball performance fund equally among all member institutions.

Conference realignment:

- a. If an institution leaves a conference to join another conference or becomes independent, while the former conference remains in operation, the units previously earned by the institution remain with the former conference.
- b. If an independent institution joins a conference, it retains the units it earned as an independent prior to the date it elected to join the conference; any units the institution earns after that date accrue to the conference.
- c. If a conference notifies the NCAA that it has ceased operations each institution retains the units it earned in the basketball performance fund.
- d. Impact of Division I multi-sport conference status (Bylaw 20.02.5):
  - i. During the two-year grace period, a conference will still accrue units and receive revenue distribution.
  - ii. By the end of the two-year grace period, if the conference meets the active Division I multi-sport conference requirements, it will maintain all the unit(s) earned by its member institutions over the six-year rolling period.
  - iii. After the two-year grace period, if the conference still does not meet the active Division I multi-sport conference requirements, the remaining member institutions will retain the unit(s) they have earned. Unit(s) earned by an institution which had previously left the conference will revert to that institution, if it is an independent, or its new conference.
    - a. In the rare case that such a conference subsequently reconstitutes and meets the Division I multi-sport conference requirements, sometime after the two-year grace period, it will be treated as a new conference, for the purposes of unit accrual and revenue distribution.

# BROAD-BASED DISTRIBUTIONS | description

The broad-based distribution is sent to all active Division I institutions based on the number of varsity sports sponsored (weighted one-third) and athletic grants-in-aid awarded (weighted two-thirds).

The Sports Sponsorship Fund is sent in early-May; the Grants-in-Aid Fund is sent in late-May. Newly active Division I institutions shall qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid within its third academic year as an active Division I member (Bylaw 20.5.3). The broad-based calculations are based on prior year information which, in this case, would be the institution's second active year as a Division I institution. For example, the June 2019 grants-in-aid distribution will be based on the 2017-18 academic year information that will be submitted to the NCAA national office via the Membership Financial Reporting System (FRS) in January 2019. Division I institutions which are newly active in 2018-19 will not be eligible for these distributions until June 2021.

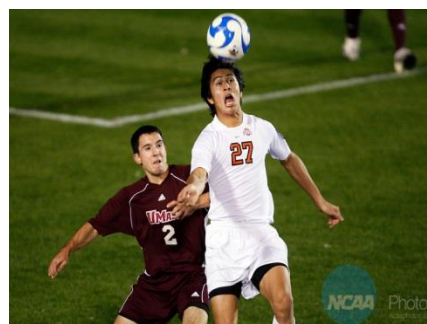
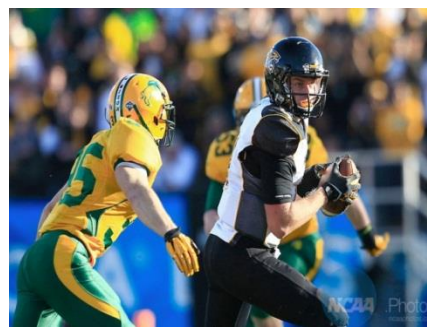
## **SPORTS SPONSORSHIP FUND**

An institution receives a unit for each sport sponsored beginning with the 14th sport. (The minimum requirement for Division I membership is 14.) Only sports in which the NCAA conducts championship competition (which meet the minimum contests and participants' requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3) and emerging sports for women are counted. In the 2018 distribution, for sports sponsored beginning with the 14th, an institution received approximately \$36,500 per sport (i.e., an institution sponsoring 16 total sports received approximately \$109,500; an institution sponsoring 23 total sports received approximately \$365,000).

## **GRANTS-IN-AID FUND**

The Grants-in-Aid Fund distribution is based on the number of athletic grants awarded in the prior academic year by each institution (based on full-time equivalencies), with an escalating multiplier which rewards schools that provide more athletic grants. The unit value is determined by the total number of athletic grants awarded by all active Division I institutions. Last year, the "unit value" or "point amount" was \$299.58.

Institutions are responsible to submit accurate data to ensure the integrity of the grants-in-aid revenue distribution. Using Compliance Assistant will contribute to data integrity.





**EXAMPLE**

Grant Multiplier		Grant Equivalents	Total Pt. Value	Pt. Amount	Grants-in-Aid Distribution
1-50	1	50	50	\$299.58	\$14,979
51-100	2	50	100	\$299.58	\$29,958
101-150	10	50	500	\$299.58	\$149,790
150+	20	29.45	589	\$299.58	\$176,453
		179.45	1,239		\$371,180

- a. The grants-in-aid data is based on prior academic year and drawn from the Membership Financial Reporting System (FRS) submitted by each institution. Grants-in-aid is calculated by using the revenue distribution equivalencies by sport and in aggregate. (Athletic grant amount divided by the full grant amount).
- b. Other expenses related to attendance (also known as gap money or cost of attendance) should not be included in the grants-in-aid revenue distribution equivalencies. Only tuition, fees, room, board and required course related books are countable for grants-in-aid revenue distribution per Bylaw 20.02.7.
- c. Full grant amount should be entered as a full year of tuition, not a semester or quarter.
- d. Student-athletes are to be counted once and should not receive a revenue distribution equivalency greater than 1.00.
- e. Athletic grants are valid for revenue distribution purposes only in sports in which the NCAA conducts championships competition, emerging sports for women and bowl subdivision football.
- f. Grants-in-aid are valid for revenue distribution purposes in NCAA sports that do not meet the minimum contests and participants' requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3.
- g. Institutions providing grants to student-athletes listed on the squad list as "Exhausted Eligibility (fifth-year)" or "Medical" receive credit in the grants-in-aid component.
- h. The athletics aid equivalency cannot exceed maximum equivalency limits. However, the total revenue distribution equivalency can exceed maximum equivalency limits due to the additional exhausted eligibility and medical equivalencies (Bylaw 15.5.3.1).
- i. If a sport is discontinued and the athletic grant(s) are still being honored by the institution, the grant(s) are included in student-athlete aid for revenue distribution purposes.

Please reference the 2018-19 Division I Manual, Article 15, Financial Aid for additional information.

## CONFERENCE GRANTS | description

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The Conference Grant Fund is distributed to Division I men's and women's basketball-playing conferences that employ a full-time administrator and are eligible for automatic qualification into the Division I men's and women's basketball championships. The fund is intended for enhancement of conference programs as detailed below. The Conference Commissioners Association approved to have \$260,000 of the Conference Grant to be remitted to the regional officiating advisors program, regardless of whether the conference is granted automatic qualification. In 2018, each active Division I conference received approximately \$296,900 of the Conference Grant. Independent institutions are not eligible for distributions from the Conference Grant fund.

These grant funds must be used to maintain, enhance or implement programs and services in each of the following areas:

- a. Improvement of men's and women's officiating programs in all sports;
- b. Enhancement of conference compliance and enforcement programs;
- c. Heightening the awareness of athletics staff and student-athletes to programs associated with drug use, and assisting coaches, athletics administrators and student-athletes in this regard;
- d. Enhancement of opportunities: employment, professional development, career advancement and leadership/management training in intercollegiate athletics for ethnic minorities and women;
- e. Development of conference sports wagering education programs;
- f. Enhance diversity and inclusion efforts; and
- g. Enhance health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and administrators (including mental health).

The administration of the grant will take into consideration the diverse nature of conference structures and allow conferences a reasonable degree of flexibility in constructing their programs. At the same time, adherence to specific criteria and restrictions is required to ensure that the grant funds are used according to the principles below and provide for responsible financial accountability. General principles guiding the grant are as follows:

- a. A conference has the authority to determine the amount to allocate to the seven areas. However, the conference must spend a portion of the grant in all seven.
- b. The funds must be used to enhance existing programs, to maintain programs initiated by the NCAA grant funds or to implement new programs.
- c. Conferences may establish a "consortium" with one another in one or more of the seven areas by pooling grant funds and conducting joint programs, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.
- d. A conference may allocate a portion of its grant in the form of sub-grants to one or more of its member institutions for specific programs approved by the conference in the areas of drug education and the enhancement of opportunities for ethnic minorities and women.
- e. It is assumed that programs provided by the conference in the areas of compliance, sports wagering and drug education will serve both men's and women's athletics programs. However, it is possible that in the area of officiating improvement, separate programs and services for men and women may be implemented. If separate officiating programs are implemented, at a minimum, the amounts allocated to the men's and women's programs must be in proportion to the total grant. [For example, Conference A receives \$150,000, of which \$112,500 is by virtue of its men's automatic qualification and \$37,500 for the women's. If the conference determines that it will spend \$60,000 of the conference grant funds on basketball officiating improvement then at least \$15,000 must be allocated to women's basketball officiating (one-fourth, in proportion to the \$37,500/ \$150,000 split).]

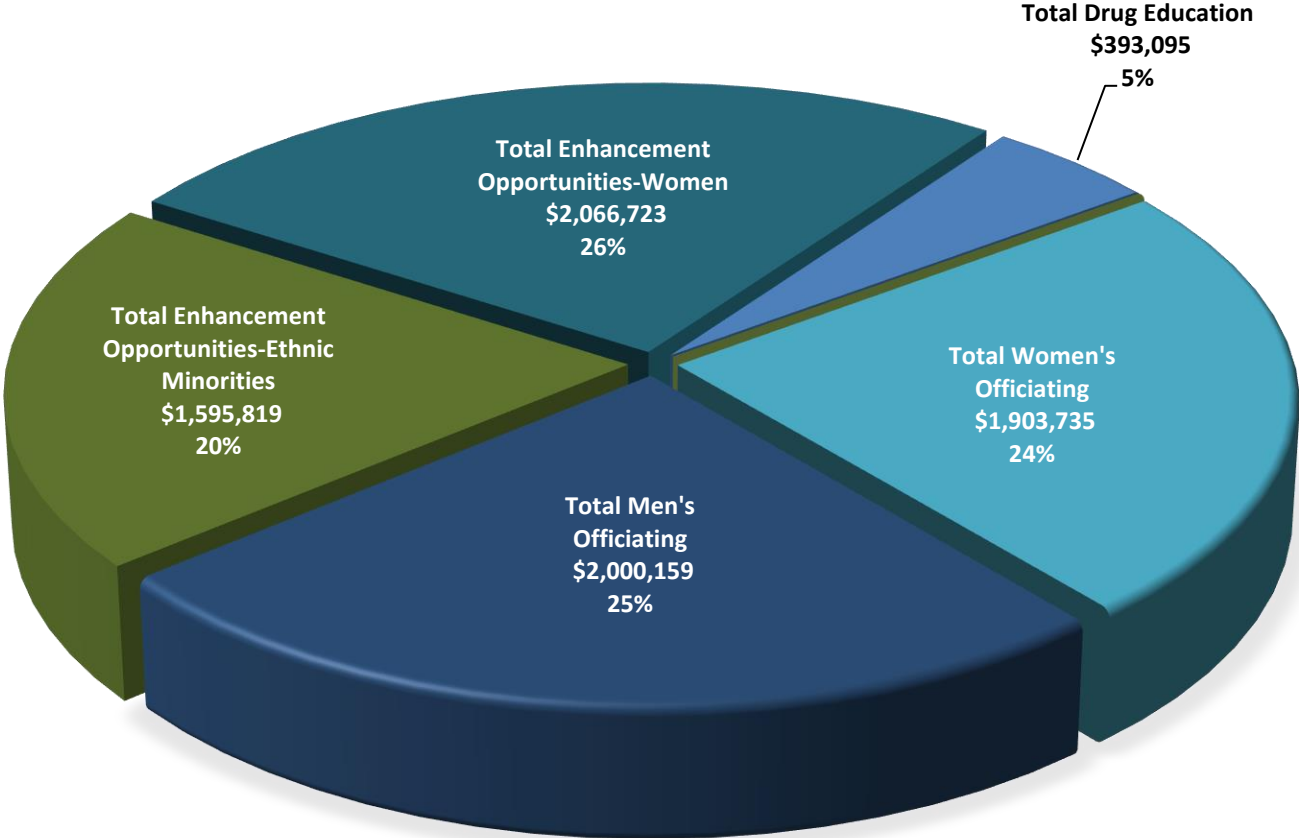
Conferences will complete an annual report of uses form. This form outlines the Conference Grant fund's uses within the approved stated areas.

- Men's officiating.
- Women's officiating.
- Sports wagering and compliance.
- Drug education.
- Enhancement opportunities – women.
- Enhancement opportunities – ethnic minorities.
- Enhance diversity and inclusion efforts.
- Enhance health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and administrators (including mental health).

This information is utilized by membership as well as NCAA officiating, health and safety, and inclusion groups to increase awareness of membership initiatives.

CONFERENCE GRANTS | 2017-18 reported uses

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## EQUAL CONFERENCE FUND | description

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The equal conference fund is distributed to active Division I basketball playing conferences. In 2018, each automatic qualifying unit was approximately \$273,500 based on units earned from 2012 to 2017. The 2019 Equal Conference Fund will be sent in mid-April based on units earned from 2013 to 2018. There are no reporting requirements for the equal conference fund. Conferences are encouraged, but not required, to distribute the fund equally among all member institutions.

A multisport conference is defined as an entity that is comprised of at least seven-member institutions that are classified as active Division I for eight preceding academic years.

Automatic qualifier status for basketball is determined by Bylaws 31.3.4.1 and 31.3.4.5.

Independent institutions are not eligible for distributions from the Equal Conference Distribution fund.

Conference realignment:

- a. A new Division I multi-sport conference in year one would receive one-sixth of the amount of the distribution; in year two: one third; in year three: half, and so forth until the full value of the conference distribution is provided in year six and beyond.
- b. If a conference notifies the NCAA that it has ceased operations no revenue will be distributed to that entity.
- c. Impact of Division I multi-sport conference status (Bylaw 20.02.5):
  - i. During the two-year grace period, a conference will still accrue units and receive revenue distribution.
  - ii. By the end of the two-year grace period, if the conference meets the active Division I multi-sport conference requirements, it will maintain all the unit(s) earned by its member institutions over the six-year rolling period.
  - iii. After the two-year grace period, if the conference still does not meet the active Division I multi-sport conference requirements, units previously earned over the six-year rolling period by the automatic qualifier(s) for conference will be transferred to the Basketball Performance Fund as at-large units and be distributed to the institution that earned the unit(s).
    - a. In the rare case that such a conference subsequently reconstitutes and meets the Division I multi-sport conference requirements, sometime after the two-year grace period, it will be treated as a new conference, for the purposes of unit accrual and revenue distribution.

# STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND | description

(Special Assistance Fund and Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund)

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The Student Assistance Fund (SAF) is distributed to conference offices in mid-June and is segregated into two funds; the Special Assistance Fund and the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. The only distinction between these funds is the calculation methodology. Data used in the calculation for the Student Assistance Fund was captured within the Membership Financial Reporting System. As a guiding principle, the SAF shall be used to assist student-athletes in meeting financial needs that arise in conjunction with participation in intercollegiate athletics, enrollment in an academic curriculum or to recognize academic achievement as determined by conference offices. Accordingly, direct receipt of SAF funds shall not be included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. The fund should not be used to replace existing budget items.

Division I student-athletes are eligible to receive SAF benefits, including international, regardless of whether they are grants-in-aid recipients, have demonstrated need, have either exhausted eligibility or no longer participate due to medical reasons. However, no prospective student-athlete shall be eligible to receive SAF funds.

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 15.01.6.1, member institutions and conferences shall not use SAF for the following:

- a. Salaries and Benefits.
- b. Tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility.
- c. Capital improvements.
- d. Stipends.
- e. Competition related travel expenses for an ineligible student-athlete.
- f. Development opportunities, such as:
  - i. Fees and other expenses associated with participation in a sports camp or clinic.
  - ii. Fees and other expenses associated with private sports-related instruction.
  - iii. Fees for other athletic development experiences (e.g., greens fees, batting cage rental).
  - iv. Expenses associated participation in a foreign tour.

The responsibility for oversight and administration of the fund, including interpretations, rests solely with the conferences. The Division I Board of Directors establishes the guiding principles of the fund.

Conferences will be required to report annually, to the NCAA national office, the amount of funds used in each category.

Newly active Division I institutions will receive the student-athlete Pell grant portion within its first academic year. Newly active Division I institutions shall qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to Grants-in-Aid and Sports Sponsorship within its third academic year as an active Division I member (Bylaw 20.5.3). The broad-based calculations are based on prior year information which in this case would be the institution's second active year as a Division I institution.

An institution that does not meet legislated (Bylaw 20.9.3.3.8) NCAA Division I sports-sponsorship minimum requirements will not receive Student Assistance Fund (SAF/SAOF) attributable to the Sports Sponsorship component of the distribution, even if the institution received a waiver of the sports-sponsorship requirements. Regardless of the number of sports sponsored, an institution will receive a value of zero when minimum sports sponsorship requirements are not met. This exclusion does not impact the Grants-in-Aid portion of the SAF.

Independent institutions are eligible to receive the Student Assistance Fund and are responsible to submit a report of uses to the national office.

### **SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

The Special Assistance Fund has three components to the calculation, as follows with the percentage of the fund allocated to each component noted in parentheses along with the 2018 approximate unit value:

1. Prior academic year number of Pell grants by institution (70%) (\$418).
2. Prior academic year number of grants-in-aid equivalencies by institution (15%) (\$44).
3. Prior academic year number of sports sponsored by institution (15%) (\$419).

Pell Grant Data:

- a. Only sports in which the NCAA conducts championships competition (which meet the minimum contests and participant requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3) and emerging sports for women are valid for revenue distribution purposes.
- b. Only student athletes are countable for the Pell Grant submission (omit practice players).
- c. Student athletes should only be counted once on the Pell Grant submission.
- d. Only Pell Grants that have been awarded are countable for the Pell Grant submission (full, semester, summer).

### **STUDENT-ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND**

The Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF) includes the imposed Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) fines collected in the previous fiscal year. The COI fine amount will vary from year to year. The fund amount is calculated using the proportion of 'broad-based' distributions. Two-thirds of the fund are allocated based on the current year submission for grants-in-aid while the remaining one-third is allocated based on the current year submission for sports sponsorship. The 2018 unit value for the Grants-in-Aid portion was approximately \$92 and the Sports Sponsorship was approximately \$11,151.

# STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND | 2017-18 reported uses

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