

**2021  
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  
student assistance fund

- special assistance fund
- student-athlete opportunity fund



## SCHEDULE, AMOUNTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>2021 REVENUE DISTRIBUTION</b>		
<b>FUND:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
Equal Conference Fund	April 14	\$53,942,566
Basketball Performance Fund	April 14	\$168,570,520
Sports Sponsorship Fund	May 5	\$75,274,550
Grants-in-Aid Fund	May 19	\$147,238,538
Academic Enhancement Fund	June 9	\$49,321,924
Academic Performance Fund	June 9	\$21,263,180
Conference Grants	June 9	\$9,985,954
Special Assistance Fund (SAF)	June 9	\$18,854,480
Student Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF)	June 9	\$68,775,004
2021 Revenue Distribution Total		\$613,226,716

### 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.
- In the event of a data error submitted by an institution, which results in an under payment, the NCAA will not release additional funds. If a data error results in an over payment, the NCAA will request the funds be returned. Returned funds will be put into the following year's revenue distribution.

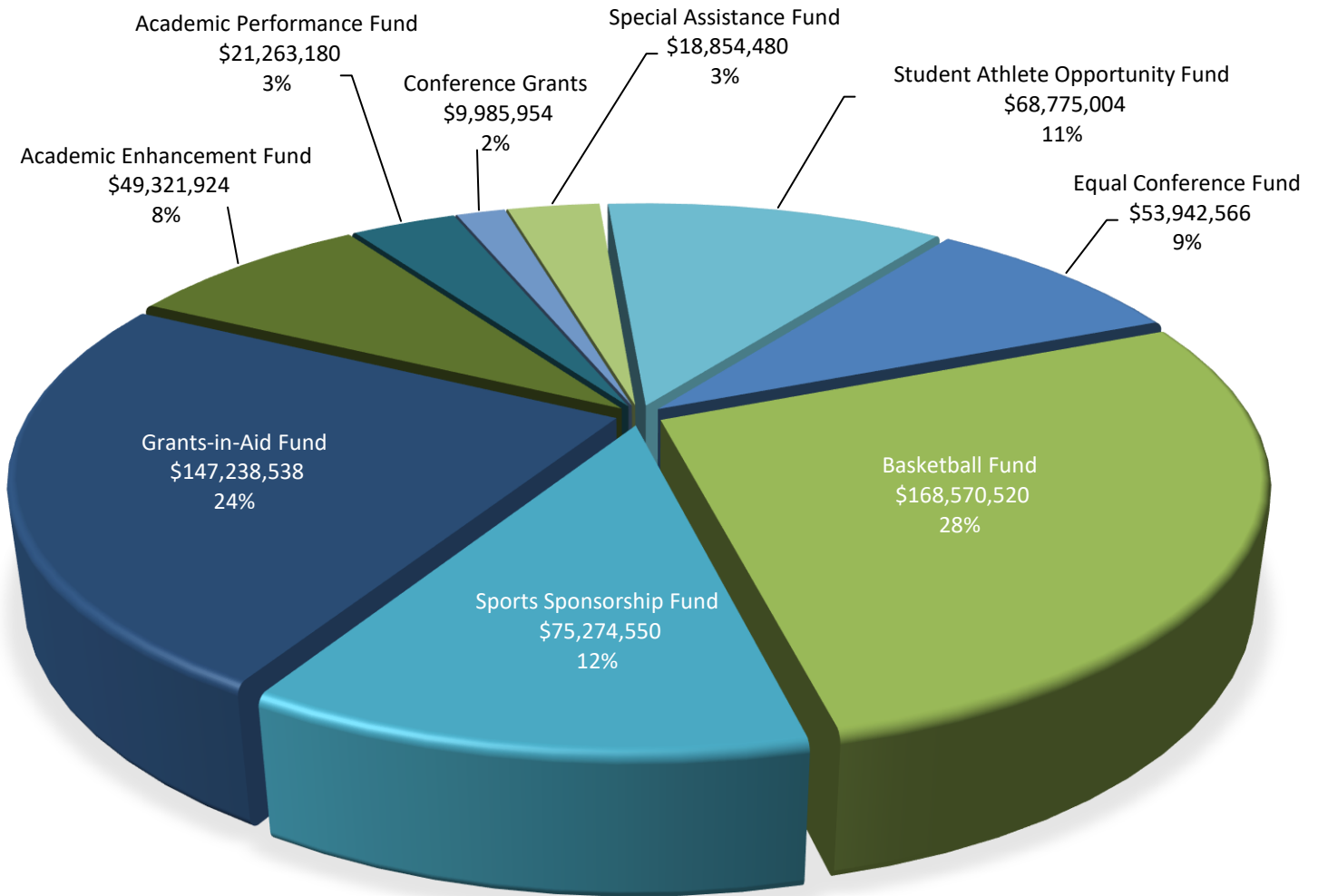
### Report of Uses:

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)

# DIVISION I REVENUE DISTRIBUTION | totals

2021 Revenue Distribution Plan  
TOTAL: \$613,226,716



# ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND | distribution

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The Academic Enhancement Fund is distributed equally among active Division I institutions. It is intended for the enhancement of academic-support programs for Division I student-athletes. The 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, 2020, they will receive a distribution annually in June .

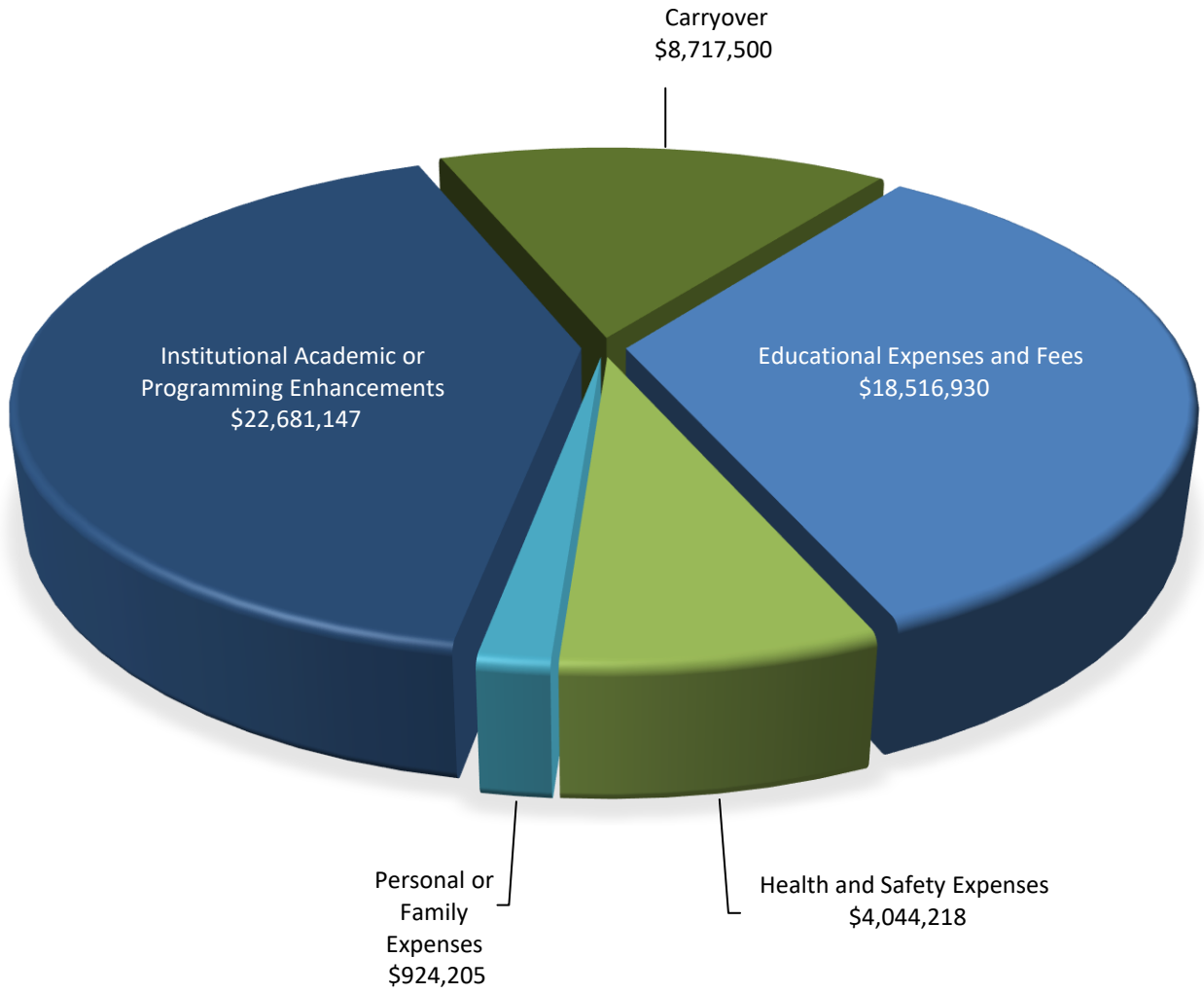
The Academic Enhancement Fund will be sent to the conference to then distribute to their respective institutions. Conferences are required to submit a report of uses annually, based on information provided by their respective institutions, using the NCAA Revenue Distribution application. Independent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

the national office. An institution may accumulate no more than the total allocation received over the previous two years. Subsequent allocations will be forfeited if that amount is exceeded.

- 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), including mental health;.
  - Other health and safety expenses, including fueling stations and nutritional education;
  - 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; and
  - Other academic or programming expenses, including diversity and inclusion.

# ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND | 2019-20 reported uses

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## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE FUND | distribution

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The Academic Performance Fund will be distributed annually in June 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 review 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 GSR for the most recently available year is equal to or greater than 90 percent;
- 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; or
- Institution's NCAA Division I APR for the previous year is equal to or greater than 985.



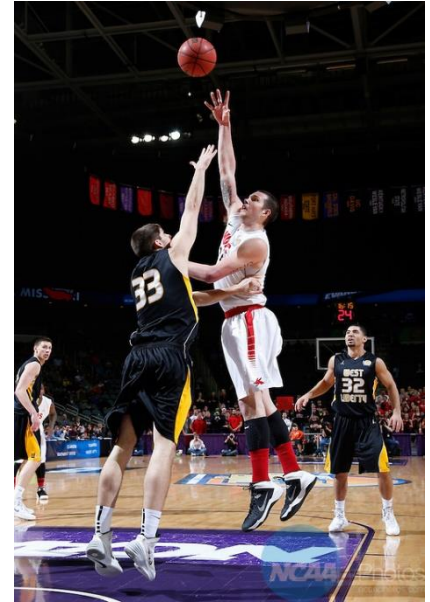
# BASKETBALL PERFORMANCE FUND | description

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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. The fund will be sent in mid-April of 2021 based on units earned from 2015 to 2020. There are no reporting requirements for the Basketball Performance Fund. Please note due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 Basketball Tournament did not occur.

If a newly active Division I member participates in the Division I Men's Basketball Championship in March-April, the units for participants will be included in the Basketball Performance distribution the following year.

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 annually 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 May 2021 grants-in-aid distribution will be based on the 2019-20 academic year information that will be submitted to the NCAA national office via the Membership Financial Reporting System (FRS) in January 2021. Division I institutions which are newly active in 2020-21 will not be eligible for these distributions until May 2023.

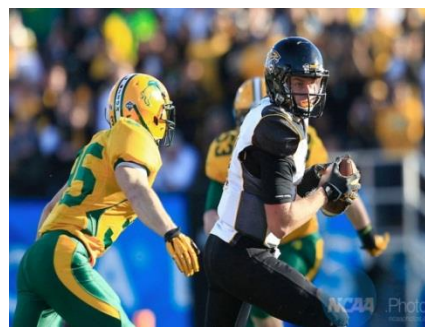
## **SPORTS SPONSORSHIP FUND**

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, bowl subdivision football and emerging sports for women, which meet the minimum contests and participants' requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3), are valid for revenue distribution purposes. An institution that does not meet NCAA Division I sports-sponsorship minimum requirements will not receive Sports Sponsorship funds even if the institution receives a waiver of the sports sponsorship requirements. Waivers of the sports sponsorship requirements in NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3.10 were established to provide relief for institutions that do not meet the Division I requirements due to extenuating circumstances. Revenue distribution is based on sports sponsorship to reward institutions for sponsoring a higher number of varsity sports.

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

The Grants-in-Aid Fund 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.

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 – for illustration purposes only.**

Grant Multiplier		Grant Equivalents	Total Pt. Value	Pt. Amount	Grants-in-Aid Distribution
1-50	1	50	50	\$250.00	\$12,500
051-100	2	50	100	\$250.00	\$25,000
101-150	10	50	500	\$250.00	\$125,000
150+	20	29.45	589	\$250.00	\$147,250
		179.45	1,239		\$309,750

- 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 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) should be included in student-athlete aid for revenue distribution purposes.

Please reference the 2019-20 Division I Manual, Article 15, Financial Aid for additional information.

## CONFERENCE GRANTS | description

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The Conference Grant is distributed annually in June 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 (CCA) approved \$260,000 of the Conference Grant be remitted to the Regional Officiating Advisors Program, regardless of whether the conference is granted automatic qualification. Independent institutions are not eligible for the Conference Grant.

The grant should be used to maintain programs and services in the following categories (detailed outline of each is attached):

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

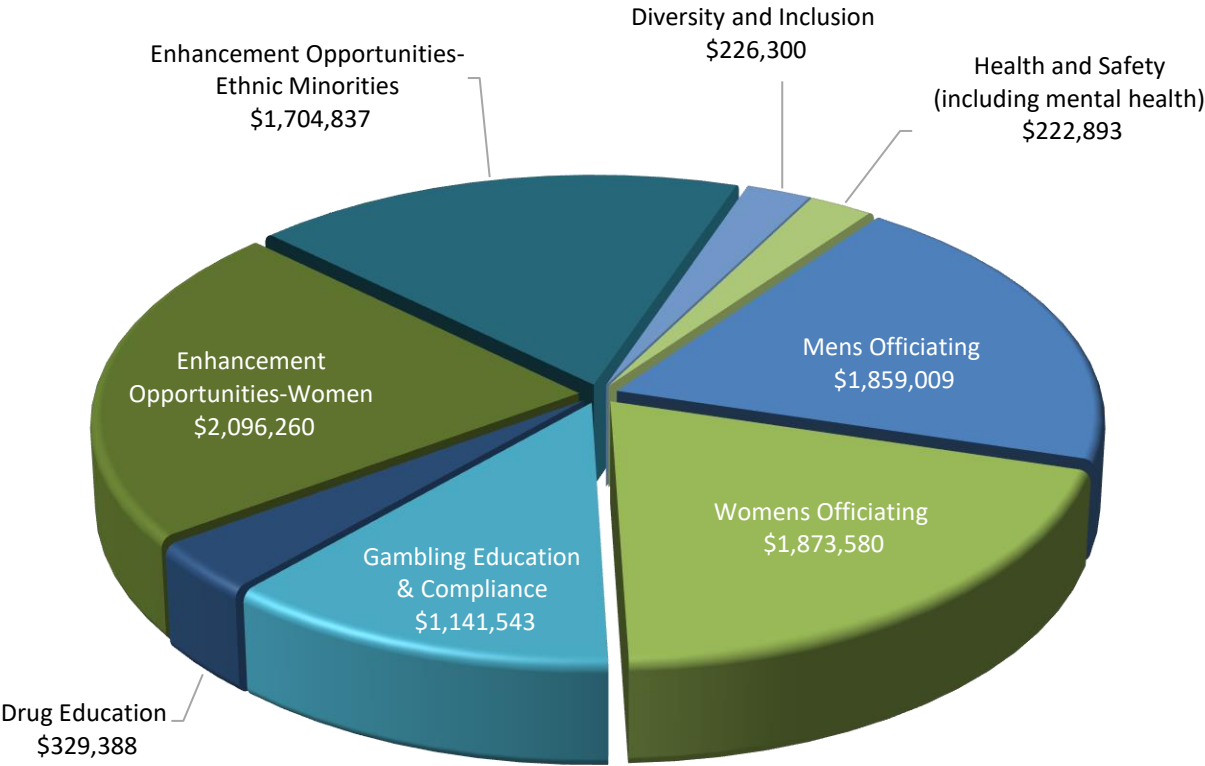
The administration of the grant will take into consideration the diverse nature of conference structures and allow conferences a reasonable degree of flexibility in constructing their programs. At the same time, adherence to specific criteria and restrictions is required to ensure that the grant is used 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.
- b. The grant must be used to enhance existing programs, to maintain programs initiated by NCAA 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 the grants 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 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. The reported data is utilized by membership as well as NCAA officiating, health and safety, and inclusion groups to increase awareness of membership initiatives.

# CONFERENCE GRANTS | 2019-20 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. The fund will be sent in mid-April of 2020 based on units earned from 2014 to 2019. 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/SAOF) is distributed annually to conference offices in mid-June and is segregated into two funds; the Special Assistance Fund (SAF) and the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF). 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 Student Assistance Fund 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 Student Assistance Fund 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 Student Assistance Fund 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 Student Assistance Fund funds.

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

- a. Salaries and Benefits;
- b. Tuition, fees, room, 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); or
  - 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. An institution may accumulate no more than the total allocation received over the previous two years. Subsequent allocations will be forfeited if that amount is exceeded.

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 20.9.6.3) 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 Student Assistance Fund.

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

### **SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

The SAF has three components to the calculation, as follows with the percentage of the fund allocated to each component noted in parentheses:

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

Pell Grant Data:

- a. Only sports in which the NCAA conducts championships competition, bowl subdivision football and emerging sports for women, which meet the minimum contests and participants' requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3), 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 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.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND | 2019-20 reported uses

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