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THE ACCELERATING ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The NCAA is accepting applications for Accelerating Academic Success Program Initiatives (Single-Year) Grants to be distributed for use in the 2024-25 academic year. Information about the requirements and application process are included in this document.

SECTION 1: SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPOSITION The AASP selection committee includes members of the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics and staff from Division I member institutions and conference (including representatives from institutions that previously received an AASP grant). NCAA national office staff serve as liaisons to the committee.

SECTION 2: INITIATIVES GRANT (SINGLE YEAR) INFORMATION

PURPOSE A single-year grant to fund initiative(s) that support the institution's student-athletes' academic success by increasing eligibility, retention and/or grade-point averages.

This grant will be limited to initiatives related to: (1) direct student-athlete development (e.g., financial aid, life-skills, leadership, etc.); (2) technology; (3) equipment and furniture; (4) professional development for staff; and (5) renovations¹.

Requests for full-time staff positions may only be made through the Comprehensive (multi-year) Grant application.

GRANT ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS Eligible institutions are:

- Those non-FBS institutions in the bottom 15 percent of resources of active Division I members, as determined by per capita institutional expenditures, per capita athletics department funding, and per capita Pell Grant aid for the student body; **OR**

Any institution, regardless of resources, classified as an Historically Black College and University (HBCU).

AND

¹ Note that the selection committee will give priority to applications with requests related to equipment/furniture, technology, professional development and/or direct student-athlete development.

- Those institutions that have not more than two teams below 930;

If an institution has three teams with an Academic Progress Rate below 930 **AND** the institution has **NOT** been subject to level II and III Committee on Academics penalties in the last two years.

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTS	Institutions are eligible to receive up to a maximum of \$100,000.
GRANT AWARD PERIOD	The grant award period will be September 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025.
CASH MATCHING	Institutions awarded an initiative grant must match grant dollars. The match will be 20-percent of the amount requested. For example, if the institution is awarded \$100,000, the institution match requirement is \$20,000. The total cost of the initiatives funded by the grant would be \$120,000.
DISTRIBUTION GRANT FUNDS	Payments will be made to initiatives grant awardees in one installment.
EXPECTED GRANT OUTCOMES	Successful completion of funded initiatives that support the academic success of the institution's student-athletes by showing an increase in academic performance (e.g., eligibility, retention and/or grade-point averages, fewer failed courses).
FACTORS CONSIDERED IN AWARDING GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of the chancellor or president as well as the director of athletics' approval, oversight and implementation of the plan. • Involvement of head coaches of teams not meeting APR benchmarks. • Use of NCAA dollars and rationale demonstrating how such expenditures will meet the grant program's expected outcomes. • Demonstrated sustainability of proposed initiative(s)/programs(s) beyond the grant period. • Assessment of the impact of the initiative(s)/program(s). • Historical overview and assessment of APR, Graduation Success Rate, or other performance metrics. • Review of any previously received grant funds from the NCAA.

- The circumstances surrounding an institution's involvement in a major enforcement investigation and/or a recent finding of lack of institutional control made against the institution by the Division I Committee on Infractions if applicable.
- The institution's ability to provide a 20-percent cash match of grant funds.
- Institution's ability to sustain funded initiatives or programs.

REQUIRED INITIATIVE GRANT INTERACTIONS AND MEETINGS

- Active participation in a midyear check-in.
- One end-of-year campus visit. Opportunity for NCAA national office campus liaisons to review the activities that have occurred on campus; provide assistance to the institution's oversight and implementation as they are preparing their end-of-year report.
- Completion and submission of a final report.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE

February 26, 2024	Application period opens.
May 31, 2024	Grant application deadline.
August 2024	Grant recipients notified.
September 2024	Initial grant payment submitted for disbursement.

GRANT IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

January/February 2025	Midyear check-in (via conference call).
August to October 2025	Final report due.
August to December 2025	End-of-year campus visits.

ONLINE APPLICATION TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

- The online application is now available in Program Hub through NCAA Apps. [NCAA Applications](#)
1. Log into Program Hub via My Apps on NCAA.org
 2. Under Applications, select the 2024-25 NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Program (AASP) Initiative Grant (Single-Year)

3. Complete the grant application questions. Note there are several questions that request you upload a document or letter to complete that step. This includes the required signature page.

4. Submit the application.

QUESTIONS

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