2015-2016 Stipulations Governing Athletic Scholarship

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Kent State University recommended to the Student Financial Aid Office that you receive an athletic scholarship in accordance with the rules of Kent State University, the Mid-American Conference, and the provisions of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This award is made as a result of your participation in a particular sport and will be applied toward your academic expenses. This award requires you to enroll as a full-time student at the Kent Campus of Kent State University.

The stipulations concerning this award are as follows:

1. Your athletic scholarship cannot exceed the maximum value stated for your residency designation. The maximum value of an athletic scholarship for 2015-2016 is $22,626 for Ohio residents and $30,586 for out-of-state students. The amount of your athletic scholarship may vary due to your tuition, room, or board rates, or because you were provided with a partial athletic scholarship award from the Athletic Department.

2. If you choose to live off-campus, Kent State may pay you an amount up to the value of a standard double room and a premier plus meal plan to assist you with off-campus living expenses.

3. A full athletic scholarship is based on 16 credit hours of tuition per semester (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016), a standard double room, a premier plus meal plan, books, and the following items at the discretion of the Athletic Department: transportation and miscellaneous/personal expenses.

4. If it is necessary to revise the amount of your athletic scholarship, you will be notified in writing.

5. It is permissible for you to receive other non-countable financial aid to meet the difference between your Cost of Attendance and your athletic scholarship. In the event that your financial aid exceeds the Cost of Attendance, the Student Financial Aid Office must reduce the athletic scholarship so you do not exceed the Cost of Attendance.

6. Federal, state, institutional grants, outside grants, and scholarships awarded to you will be applied toward educational expenses and could replace a portion of your athletic scholarship to meet NCAA and Mid-American Conference regulations. The Student Financial Aid Office will monitor all financial aid and will allow only permissible exceptions in accordance with NCAA regulations.

7. If you plan to work either on or off-campus during the academic year, you must meet with an Athletic Compliance Office staff member to discuss the employment and to complete the employment form.
8. The athletic scholarship may be reduced or canceled if you:
   a. Leave school prior to the end of the award period.
   b. Render yourself ineligible for intercollegiate competition.
   c. Fraudulently misrepresent any information on your application, the letter of intent, or other University documents.
   d. Engage in serious misconduct warranting a substantial disciplinary penalty.
   e. Voluntarily withdraw from participation in the sport for personal reasons.
   f. Sign a professional contract for your sport.
   g. Accept money for playing in an athletic contest.
   h. Agree to be represented by an agent and/or accept money or benefits from such an individual.
   i. Receive any other countable aid or employment that causes you to exceed your individual limit.
   j. Miss an excessive number of classes during a semester or the academic year.
   k. Exhaust athletic eligibility and graduate with a degree at the end of your final semester.
   l. Enroll in courses and do not reside in the locale of Kent State University.
   m. Violate Kent State Student-Athlete Handbook policy.
   n. Violate team rules.

9. The athletic scholarship cannot be reduced or canceled during the 2015-2016 academic year on the basis of your athletic ability, performance, or contribution to your team's success.

10. The athletic scholarship can be issued for minimum of one semester and a maximum of one academic year (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters). The renewal of this award for the 2016-2017 academic year is not automatic. You will be notified no later than July 1, 2016 as to whether or not the athletic scholarship will be awarded, reduced, or cancelled for the 2016-2017 academic year.

11. While participating in organized practice or competition, you will be under the supervision of a member of the coaching staff and will be covered by a medical insurance plan. Under no circumstances will your scholarship be discontinued during the 2015-2016 academic year because of injuries sustained with the intercollegiate athletic program.

    After signing this Mid-American Conference Letter of Intent for one MAC institution or affiliate member, should the signing student-athlete elect to transfer to another Conference member institution or affiliate member and desire to compete in intercollegiate competition, the following restrictions apply:

   1. The student-athlete may not receive athletically related financial aid from the second MAC institution or aid granted through the intervention of athletic related interests during the initial academic year of transfer (i.e. first two semesters) 
      *Revised January 29, 2013.*
   2. The student-athlete will lose one of four seasons of competition.
   3. The student-athlete is required to fulfill a year in residency at the second institution.