

UAM OPERATING PROCEDURE 510.2

SCHOLARSHIP FOR FIFTH-YEAR ATHLETES

The University of Arkansas at Monticello, in order to assist student-athletes in the completion of their degrees, will offer a Scholarship for Fifth-Year Athletes. The coach of the student-athlete desiring to apply for the scholarship shall submit the name(s) of those student-athletes to the Director of Athletics. Upon favorable recommendation by the Director of Athletics, student-athletes that meet the required criteria will be considered for the Scholarship for Fifth-Year Athletes.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for consideration for the Scholarship for Fifth-Year Athletes, the name of the student-athlete must be submitted to the Director of Athletics by the student-athlete's coach no later than April 15 prior to the academic year for which the award is requested. To be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met.

- The applicant must be a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in his/her primary sport at UAM within the past calendar year.
- The applicant will not be allowed to participate in another intercollegiate sport during the period of the fifth-year award.
- The applicant must have received athletic-related financial aid from UAM for at least one year.
- The applicant must be within 30 semester hours of completion of his/her first undergraduate degree at the completion of the first summer term of the year when eligibility was exhausted in the student athlete's primary sport, based upon verification by a current, approved degree audit. Awards will be limited to student-athletes during the first 10 semesters of full-time collegiate attendance.
- The applicant will not receive any athletic-related aid if a fifth-year award is made.

Applicable conditions:

The student-athlete must be in compliance with the university satisfactory academic progress policy. Students on financial aid probation or denial will not be eligible to receive the award.

The award amount will be equal to tuition and fees for the term the award is given, unless the student athlete received an athletic scholarship less than tuition and fees during his/her last year on an athletic scholarship. In that case, the award amount will be limited to the amount of the previous scholarship. In no case will the scholarship for fifth-year athletes exceed the amount of tuition and fees for 15 credit hours per term. A student-athlete may receive the scholarship for fifth-year athletes for two semesters. Two summer terms will count as one semester.

If a student-athlete elects to attend only one summer term, it will count as one semester.

In order to remain eligible for the award for a second term, the student-athlete must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the university.

Application Process

The Director of Athletics will review the list of recommended student athletes once they have been submitted by the respective head coaches. After review, the Director of Athletics will forward a list of student athletes to the Scholarship Chair no later than April 15.

The Scholarship Chair will verify the eligibility of each student athlete and provide email notification to the student(s) by June 15. Any request for summer school assistance must be made at the time the list is submitted. These student athlete reviews would then take priority and receive a May 30 email notification.

The Scholarship Chair will notify the Director of Financial Aid when awards are approved, including award terms.

The Director of Financial Aid will ensure that student-athletes receiving the awards meet the financial aid eligibility requirements before awards are made to individual students.

The Scholarship Chair will review satisfactory progress for awards at the end of the first term of award before the second term of award is granted.

Special Circumstances

The Director of Athletics or the Scholarship Chair may request exceptions to the above criteria from the Executive Council when special circumstances are encountered. These special circumstances must be documented in a written request to the Executive Council.

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