

Northern Michigan University Athletics Financial Aid Appeals

Prior to July 1st annually, team coaches and the Athletic Department will finalize renewal athletic scholarship tenders to eligible students/athletes. Because the athletic tenders are determined annually there are times when the scholarships are reduced from the prior year or students may not receive a renewal scholarship. If the scholarship is not renewed or is reduced as compared to the prior year's scholarship level, and the student/athlete has remaining eligibility, they will receive a notice from the Financial Aid Office related to their eligibility to appeal this reduction/cancellation. Each notice will state the timing of the financial aid termination as well as the opportunity to appeal the decision.

This appeal process is only related to the reductions and non-renewals of athletic tenders as renewed through the Athletic Department. This appeal process is not related to violations of the conditions, including quitting the team, as signed and acknowledged on the athletic tender.

Appeal

The process for appeal will be closed. Any appeals must be written and submitted to the Financial Aid Office along with the appeal form and any applicable documentation. The Financial Aid Appeals Committee (FAAC) will review the information provided no later than two weeks after the appeal request is received. Upon receipt of the appeal the FAAC will request a written statement and applicable documentation from the head coach and/or Athletic Director. The coach and Athletic Director will receive a copy of the appeal in order to understand which aspects of the reduction/cancellation that the student is appealing. The student, head coach, and the Athletic Director will be notified of the results from the FAAC meeting.

Actions of the Committee

1. If the committee finds that the decision to not renew, reduce or withdraw aid is not a violation of institutional policies or NCAA/conference rules, the appeal would be denied.
2. If the committee finds that the decision to renew, reduce, or withdraw aid is a violation of institutional policies or NCAA/conference rules, the appeal would be approved. The athletics financial aid is then made available to the student as soon as possible. Reinstatement of athletic financial aid has no effect on the athlete's status as a member of the relevant athletic team.
3. The decision of the committee shall be binding and there will be no further appeal options available to the student.

Northern Michigan University Athletics
Appeal for Reinstatement of Athletically Related Financial Aid

To be completed by student (complete form in ink)

Student name:	_____	Date:	_____
Current Address:	_____	NMU IN:#	_____
	_____	Phone#:	_____
Sport:	_____	Amount of Aid:	_____
Year in school:	_____	Year in Sport:	_____

The Athletic Department, in conjunction with Financial Aid Office, has an appeal process and committee to review all financial aid appeals related to athletics. Please complete this form if you would like the Committee to review your appeal. Forms that are incomplete or are missing documentation will not be forwarded to the Appeal Committee, and you will be notified to submit additional documentation or clarification.

In order to appeal this requirement you must:

1. Complete all items on this appeal form. Attach required documentation and additional sheets, if necessary. Complete forms should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office or mailed to the Financial Aid Office at 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855.
2. On a separate sheet of paper explain the reason you believe the decision was unfair, including names of institutional staff members (e.g., coach, financial aid officer) with whom aid was discussed.
3. Attach copies of relevant documents (e.g., initial award letter, financial aid tender).
4. Incomplete appeals will not be reviewed.
5. The Appeals Committee members will review your appeal individually. It is in your best interest to provide the most complete information possible. If your supporting documentation is insufficient, additional information may be requested. If your reason for appeal is insufficient, your appeal will be denied. All students will receive a written response within ten days of the Appeal Committee's decision.