

West Virginia University Intercollegiate Athletics

Policy: Athletic Grant-in-Aid Appeal
Date: Revised June 24, 2008
Responsibility: Director of Financial Aid, Director of Athletics, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance

If West Virginia University reduces or cancels athletic aid during the period of the award or if West Virginia University decides not to renew the athletic aid, the student-athlete is provided written notice that informs the recipient of an opportunity for a hearing.

1. The student-athlete must complete an Athletic Grant-in-Aid Request for Appeal and return it along with supporting documentation to the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships. This request must be made within two weeks of the date on the notification letter from the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships.
2. The Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships will notify the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics that a request for appeal has been received; this allows Intercollegiate Athletics an opportunity to reconsider the decision.
3. In the event that Intercollegiate Athletics overturns a coach's decision regarding the reduction or cancellation of athletic aid, the student-athlete is notified in writing that athletic aid is reinstated.
4. If the Intercollegiate Athletics upholds the coach's decision, the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships is notified and the appeal process continues.
5. The coach is required to submit in writing to the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships documentation supporting the reason(s) to reduce, cancel or not renew the athletic aid within one week of notification by the Financial Aid Office.
6. The initial review of the appeal will be done by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Additional levels of appeal in the event of denial are Director of Financial Aid, followed by the Financial Aid Review Committee and lastly, the Office of the WVU President. The second through fourth levels must be requested by the student and are not automatic.
7. The various levels of appeal may request clarification or additional information as needed. Each level may be used only one time.
8. After review of documentation, the student-athlete is informed of the committee decision at each level of appeal. Copies of the notification are sent to the coach, Compliance Office and to the Director of Athletics.