



«First_Name» «Last_Name»
«Student_ID»
«Sport»

Pursuant to our adoption of NCAA Bylaw 15.02.5, the University of Texas at El Paso is awarding, as part of your athletics grant-in-aid, a transportation and personal expense allowance (hereinafter cost-of-attendance gap (COAG)) in the amount of \$«ATCOAG» as other expenses related to the attendance at this institution.

This allowance is subject to all conditions as stipulated in your original Athletics Financial Aid Agreement. However, full payment of this allowance will only occur after successfully completing a financial literacy workshop coordinated and monitored by our Office of Life Skills. This financial literacy workshop must be completed by April 15, 2019. If this requirement is not met, the 3rd check of the Spring semester will be cancelled and your total allowance will be reduced.

Payments of this allowance will be disbursed into your Goldmine account on the following dates during the academic year (in order to ensure all criteria has been met):

Fall Semester:

1. October 2, 2018
2. November 6, 2018
3. January 3, 2019

Spring Semester:

4. March 11, 2019
5. April 8, 2019
6. May 24, 2019

Please allow five business days from the dates above to see this allowance deposited in your bank account. Also, please remember that any past due balances due to the University will affect the refund of this allowance.

In addition, you must understand the following non-athletically related conditions will enable a reduction of this allowance (at the first available opportunity based on the dates above):

1. Institutional Drug Test(s)
 - a. First positive result- reduction of next available disbursement.
 - b. Second positive result- reduction of next available disbursement and possible reduction/cancellation of athletics aid.

- c. Third positive result- absolute cancellation of athletics aid including any COAG allowance remaining.
2. Academic Ineligibility
 - a. Complete reduction of any remaining or future COAG disbursements- reinstatement of this allowance will be considered when you become academically eligible.
 - b. UTEP Athletics will release the last disbursement each semester after final grades are posted. However, if you become ineligible at the end of the semester, a reduction of this allowance will follow. Future COAG allowances will be reinstated when you become academically eligible.
3. Engaging in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty
 - a. Any violation of the UTEP student code of conduct or the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct as stated in the Student-Athlete Handbook.
 - i. If you are reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) and found responsible for violating the UTEP student code of conduct, this will result in reduction of your next available COAG disbursement or your total allowance may be completely cancelled. However, the decision from the OSCCR office is subject to an appeal process. If you appeal the decision from the OSCCR and win the appeal, your COAG allowance will be reinstated.
4. Voluntarily withdrawing (on your own initiative) from UTEP or the sport at any time for personal reasons
 - a. Voluntarily withdrawing from the team or UTEP will result in complete cancellation of your COAG allowance for the remainder of the academic year.
 - b. Student-athlete will be asked to confirm and sign for voluntary withdrawal with the Athletics Compliance Office.
5. If you declare through written notification your intent to transfer with the Athletics Compliance Office.
 - a. A student-athlete who provides written notice of transfer will have their COAG allowance cancelled at the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received.
 - b. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) their COAG allowance will be immediately cancelled.
6. Any violation of team rules exhibiting fraudulent misrepresentation or other violation of institutional rules or policies
 - a. If the head coach decides to implement additional restrictions in regards to receiving your COAG allowance, these rules will also apply. The head coach must clearly outline in writing any violations of team rules and the specific penalties for each and subsequent violations. These restrictions cannot be based on your athletics ability, performance, or contribution to a team's success. This allowance cannot be reduced because of injury or any other medical condition, or for any other athletics reason. However, if your team rules specify conditions in regards to missed practices, failure to comply with these may constitute fraudulent misrepresentation.

Examples (not an exhaustive list):

1. If a student-athlete has a positive drug test, the next available COAG disbursement will not be provided to the student-athlete. A student-athlete will be eligible for future COAG disbursements based on no future positive drug tests.
2. At the end of a semester, if a student-athlete becomes ineligible, but is retained by the team, the final disbursement of the semester and the first two disbursements during the following semester will not be provided to the student-athlete. If you become academically eligible based on final grades at the end of the following semester, the last COAG disbursement for that semester will be provided.

Hearing Opportunity:

In the event that my athletics aid (or the COAG allowance) is reduced or cancelled based on failure to meet the conditions above during the academic year, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year, the Office of Student Financial Aid will notify me in writing of the opportunity for a hearing. If I wish to appeal this decision, I must provide a written appeal request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of notification. The appeal will go before an institutional financial aid committee and they will have the final decision on whether or not to uphold the reduction or cancellation of financial aid. **The reduction will only occur if the committee upholds the decision to reduce or after the fourteen (14) calendar days expire and no appeal has been submitted.**

Acknowledgement:

By signing this document, I certify that I understand all stipulations above. I also agree to have any past due balances in my Goldmine account paid with any applicable disbursements, whether they are part of this allowance or any other form of athletics or financial aid.

_____	Date: _____
Student-Athlete Signature	
_____	Date: _____
Director of Student Aid	
_____	Date: _____
Director of Athletics	