

APPENDIX I
DR. PRENTICE GAUTT POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Conference to award, annually, \$9,000 postgraduate scholarships to outstanding male and female scholar-athletes. A total of twenty (20) student-athletes, one male and one female from each institution shall be selected annually.

PROCEDURES

Award Criteria

Recipients must:

1. Have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.200 (on a 4.000 scale).
2. Have participated for at least two years in intercollegiate competition at their respective Member Institutions.
3. Graduate from their respective Member Institutions and enroll in graduate or professional school of choice within 15 months following their selection at the spring meeting of the Faculty Athletics Representatives.
4. Member institutions should submit one male and one female nominee.
5. Enroll Full-Time (Part-time enrollment to be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Dr. Prentice Gault Student-Athlete Welfare Committee.)

Selection

1. The Dr. Prentice Gault Student-Athlete Welfare Committee shall be composed of three Faculty Athletics Representatives, an Athletics Director, a Senior Woman Administrator, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Note: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives will not be involved in postgraduate scholarship review.
2. The Faculty Athletics Representatives shall submit (on Conference Postgraduate Scholarship Award institutional nomination forms) the names and pertinent information concerning their Member Institutions' postgraduate scholarship nominees to the Conference office no later than two weeks prior to their spring meeting.
3. The Conference office shall, in advance of the spring meeting, distribute names and credentials of the Member Institutions' nominees to the members of the Dr. Prentice Gault Student-Athlete Welfare Committee.

4. This committee will meet during the spring meeting to confirm the award recipients and final approval shall be made by the Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives.

Conditions

1. The recipient of the award shall enroll full-time in the graduate or professional school of their choice within 15 months following their selection at the spring meeting of the Faculty Athletics Representatives, part-time enrollment will be reviewed by the committee as necessary.
2. The award will be paid directly to the recipients upon receipt of certification from the institution of their enrollment.

Extension Requests

In the event the award recipient is unable to enroll in graduate or professional school within 15 months, the student-athlete must request, in writing, an extension of their scholarship. The request should include an explanation for the extension and upon receipt; the request will be evaluated by the Dr. Prentice Gautt Student-Athlete Welfare Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Notification and Publicity

1. Subsequent to the scholarship selections, the Conference office will provide written notification to the award winners.
2. The information sent to the recipients will include a copy of the Conference Postgraduate Scholarship Policy and Procedures.
3. The recipients will be asked to acknowledge notification of the award and acceptance of criteria and stipulations by signing and returning the Conference Postgraduate Scholarship Acceptance Form.
4. The Conference office will, in cooperation with the sports information director of each recipient's Member Institution, issue news releases to the news media appropriate to the circumstances.