

## Comet Tuition Waivers

Comet Tuition Waivers are reductions in students' tuition charges and are utilized to help recruit and retain qualified student athletes.

### A. Definitions:

1. A qualified student athlete is a student selected by coaching staff as a recipient of a Comet Tuition Waiver.

### B. Amount of Waivers:

1. Comet Waivers are targeted for use with student athletes. They provide for a waiver of tuition up to the maximum amount of the individual student's charges based on their residency. Comet Waivers may be used in combination with Non Resident Waivers, International Student Waivers and athletic and academic scholarships but not with Cultural Diversity Waivers. The combination of Comet Waivers, along with other waivers and scholarships should not exceed the amount of the individual student's tuition, fee, room and board charges.
2. A maximum amount of waivers, including renewals of previous waivers, will be determined by the President's Cabinet each year. Because of past success in the recruitment of student athletes through the use of tuition waivers, each sport shall be allowed to utilize a maximum amount of Comet waivers to be determined by the Athletic Director. These waivers may be awarded in incremental amounts as determined by the respective coach, within the maximum limits approved by the Cabinet and Athletic Director. These incremental awards will generally be equal to one-fourth, one-half, three quarters, or the entire value of a full waiver. The value of a full waiver may be adjusted from year to year.

### C. Eligibility Requirements:

1. A student who is chosen by a coach to receive an initial Comet Waiver must be enrolled full time during the term(s) that they receive a waiver and must be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.
2. Comet Waivers are not automatically renewed. The student must maintain satisfactory academic (2.00 Cum GPA) and athletic progress as determined by the respective coach.

### D. Application Process:

1. There is no application process for Comet Waivers and student athletes are selected based on criteria established by each coach.

### E. Selection Process:

1. The selection process will take into consideration the student athlete's academic and athletic potential and performance. Selections will be forwarded by each coach to the Athletic Director for verification of athletic eligibility before awards are made.

### F. Award Process:

1. Award selections for recipients of Comet Waivers are forwarded by the individual coaches and Athletic Director to the Financial Aid Office for inclusion in the student's 'financial aid package.' Once the Financial Aid Office verifies that a Comet Waiver and other aid does not exceed an individual student's financial aid budget, the waiver will be applied to the student's account by the Business Office.
2. Each year, the Athletic Director and the Vice President for Student Affairs will review the Comet Waiver program to verify the proper use and accuracy of previous awards and determine their effectiveness as a recruitment tool for student athletes. Recommendations for

a maximum number of waivers will be forwarded to the Cabinet for the following year and incremental award amounts to be utilized by each coach will be established.

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