



# AWARDS

- Participation awards may be awarded to student-athletes at any time
- Special event participation awards may only be awarded to student-athletes eligible for that competition

**FIGURE 16-1**  
**Participation Awards [A] [R]**

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Annual Participation — Underclassmen	\$225	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation — Senior	\$425	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
<b>Special Event Participation</b>				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	\$375*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution — \$375 NCAA — No limit	Once per event	• Institution • NCAA	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	\$400 (Institution) \$550 (Management of event)	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	\$400*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2

\* The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.



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- Championship awards may be awarded to only student-athletes eligible to participate in the championship event
- Combine value of regular season and conference championships may not exceed \$325

**FIGURE 16-2**  
**Championship Awards [A] [R]**

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
National Championship conducted by NCAA	\$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
National Championship not conducted by NCAA***	\$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — regular season	\$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — postseason contest or tournament	\$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2

\* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$415/\$325 limit per award.

\*\* Award may be provided by another organization recognized by the institution or conference to act in its place.

\*\*\* Applies only to sports or classification divisions in which the NCAA does not conduct championships. Teams must be designated as a "national champion" by a national wire-service poll or the national coaches association in that sport.

# The combined value of both awards shall not exceed \$325 if same institution wins conference regular-season and postseason championships.



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- Special achievement awards may be awarded to recognize honors and distinctions

**FIGURE 16-3**  
**Special Achievement Awards [A] [R]**  
*(Revised: 4/25/18)*

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Special attainments or contribution to team's season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)	\$175	Once per category of award per year	Institution	1
Most valuable player — special event*	\$325**	Once per event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution</li> <li>• Conference</li> <li>• Organization approved by institution or conference</li> </ul>	Unlimited
Most valuable player — bowl game or all-star contest	\$350	Once per event	Sponsoring entity of all-star contest or certified postseason bowl	1
Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)	\$325	Once per year per award	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing established national award	Unlimited	Once per year	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing conference "athlete of the year"	\$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Trophy recognizing conference "scholar-athlete of the year"	\$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)	\$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)	Unlimited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference</li> <li>• Outside organization (e.g., local business)</li> </ul>	Unlimited
Hometown award	\$80	Unlimited	Group (other than institution's booster club) located in the student-athlete's hometown	Unlimited

\* The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.

\*\* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate \$325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.