

What is an “extra benefit?”

As defined by the NCAA, an “extra benefit” is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of athletics interests to provide a student-athlete (or relative or friend of the student-athlete) a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of such a benefit is not considered a violation if that same benefit is generally available to the institution’s students or their relatives and/or friends or to a particular segment of the student body determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

In consideration of this definition, please recognize the following:

- A student-athlete cannot accept anything from a Marist College employee or booster.
- A student-athlete cannot accept free or reduced cost room and/or board from a Marist College employee or booster.
- A student-athlete cannot eat at a restaurant as the guest of a booster or Marist College employee.
- A student-athlete cannot accept free or reduced merchandise or services from any merchant unless that free or reduced cost item is also available to the general public.
- A student-athlete cannot accept a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or service from a Marist College employee or booster.
- A student-athlete cannot accept frequent traveler miles for a trip financed by Marist College.
- A student-athlete may be provided reasonable and occasional local transportation (within 30 miles) from a Marist College employee. (Please note that “occasional” means a special occasion such as a birthday.)
- A student-athlete may accept, on an infrequent occasion, an invitation to the home of a Marist College employee or booster for a meal. (Please note that “infrequent” means a special occasion such as a birthday.)
- A student-athlete cannot accept a loan of money, guarantee of bond, use of an automobile, or the signing or co-signing of a note to arrange a loan from a Marist College employee or booster.
- A student-athlete cannot use an Athletics Department copy machine or fax machine, or make long distance telephone calls using a departmental telephone.
- A student-athlete may not have his/her papers and/or reports typed by a member of the Athletics Department or booster.