

**Clayton State University**  
**Budget Priority Request**  
**Budget Period 2023**

Division/Department: Athletics

Priority Title: Peach Belt Conference Annual Dues

Priority Number: 1

Funding Requested: \$26,000 University to cover the annual Peach Belt Conference (PBC) membership dues.

Permanent       One-Time

1. Description of Request:

Clayton State University is a member of the Peach Belt Conference. That membership is for the University as a whole, not just Athletics. We are requesting the University cover the annual membership dues, \$26,000, which will free up Athletics Fee Revenue to be used elsewhere.

2. Justification: Please provide a justification that discusses such things as support of the University's strategic plan or other institutional objectives. What impact will this request have on University programs and services? Can you redirect funds to meet this need?

When the University made the decision to move to the NCAA DII and Peach Belt Conference, we committed to following all rules and regulations established by both parties, including paying the mandatory fees. With the move to the NCAA DII and PBC being a University wide initiative, we feel it's a fair request to have the fees associated with the membership paid by the University. Others on campus, such as Student Affairs, are also involved with the PBC with the recent addition of Esports.

3. Metrics: Please describe how you plan to determine the effectiveness and measure the impact of the proposed funding.

The following measurements will be put in place:

- Continued membership in the Peach Belt Conference
- University wide recognition/exposure that comes along with PBC membership
- Extracurricular opportunities for students to participate in

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Priority Title: Reinstate the SHIP international health insurance subsidy for returning international student-athletes

Priority Number: 2

Funding Requested: \$43,502

Permanent            **X One-Time**

1. Description of Request:

During the 2021-22 academic year, the USG raised the rates associated with international student health insurance. Since there was a drastic rise in costs, the system provided a subsidy to returning international students to assist with the increase in health insurance rates. The subsidy was removed for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year leaving many international students in a challenging financial position. We are requesting the subsidy that was provided in 2021-22 to our returning international student-athletes be offered again for the 2022-23 academic year to assist with the increase in insurance costs.

2. Justification: Please provide a justification that discusses such things as support of the University's strategic plan or other institutional objectives. What impact will this request have on University programs and services? Can you redirect funds to meet this need?

The increase in international student health insurance costs, along with the removal of the subsidy provided during the 2021-22 academic year, really puts our international student-athletes in a challenging financial situation. Many cannot afford the increase, some moved to tears over the change. The current athletics scholarship budget each team is allocated cannot cover the increases. Not securing these funds could result in student-athletes leaving Clayton State University.

3. Metrics: Please describe how you plan to determine the effectiveness and measure the impact of the proposed funding.

The following measurements will be put in place:

- Increase in the overall student-athlete population
- Student-athlete retention rates