

## LETTER OF INTENT PROVISIONS

A letter of intent is any document in which a prospective student expresses his/her intent to attend an NIRA member school and to participate in NIRA events, and which sets forth the name of the NIRA member school, sets forth the amount of financial aid the student is to receive, is signed by the coach of the NIRA member school, and is signed by the student and a parent or legal guardian of the student.

- A. The NIRA **Letter of Intent** applies only to NIRA affiliated institutions.
- B. By signing a **Letter of Intent**, the prospective student certifies that he/she has not signed another Letter of Intent.
- C. The **Letter of Intent** may be terminated by the written consent of all parties herein.
- D. The NIRA **Letter of Intent** must be signed and dated by the coach before submission to the prospective student and his/her parents/guardians for their signatures.
- E. A NIRA **Letter of Intent** may not be signed prior to March 1 of the prospective student's senior year in high school.
- F. The parent/guardian is required to sign the **Letter of Intent** if the prospective student is under twenty-one (21) years of age, since the intent of the requirement is to prevent pressure or coercion on the prospective student to sign.
- G. If a prospective student has knowledge that either his/her parent's/guardian's signature is forged, the student shall forfeit his/her (1<sup>st</sup>) year of eligibility at the institution in which he/she enrolls.
- H. The NIRA **Letter of Intent** is validated on the date of signature on the letter by the prospective student and parent/guardian.
- I. The NIRA **Letter of Intent** must be returned to the coach or postmarked for return not later than fourteen (14) days after the date tendered by the coach.
- J. It is presumed that a student is eligible for admission and financial aid at the institution for which he/she signed a NIRA **Letter of Intent** until information is submitted to the contrary. This means that, when requested, it is mandatory for the student to provide a transcript of his/her previous academic record and an application for admission to the institution where he/she signed a NIRA **Letter of Intent**.
- K. In case a prospective student fails to meet the requirements for admission to the institution with which he/she has signed a NIRA **Letter of Intent** or its academic requirements for financial aid to athletes and the NIRA requirements, he/she shall be so notified immediately by the institution involved. The institution shall also immediately notify the NIRA Commissioner of the student's failure to meet either of these requirements, the date on which the notification of such failure was sent to the student, and a statement that the NIRA **Letter of Intent** signed by this individual has been rendered null and void.
- L. After signing a NIRA **Letter of Intent** with one institution, should a prospective student elect to enroll at another institution, which is a member of the NIRA, his/her athletic eligibility at the institution in which he/she enrolls will be limited in accordance with the regulations of the NIRA.
- M. The agreement may be cancelled for failure of the student to comply with the rules and regulations of his/her institution, to cooperate fully with its officials and teachers, or voluntarily withdraw from the sport of rodeo.
- N. It is recommended that a NIRA **Letter of Intent** be signed by a student participating in college rodeo who is to receive financial aid from the rodeo program.
- O. Failure to comply with provisions of the NIRA **Letter of Intent** will result in the loss of one (1) year's eligibility.
- P. Any school not fulfilling the commitment to the student as spelled out in the NIRA **Letter of Intent** will be subject to a minimum of one (1) year of not being in good standing with the NIRA.

NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE RODEO ASSOCIATION

LETTER OF INTENT

BETWEEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (PLEASE PRINT)

Gentlemen:

I understand that when I accept this Grant-In-Aid, I automatically forfeit any right to accept a Grant-In-Aid or participate in any intercollegiate rodeo activities at any other NIRA College member institution for the academic year immediately following the date of signing this Letter of Intent.

I have not signed a Letter of Intent with any other NIRA member institution.

It is my understanding from the representative(s) of your institution who interviewed me that:

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID WHICH I AM TO RECEIVE SHALL BE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

which is not in violation of the Grant-In-Aid regulations of the NIRA.

This Letter of Intent has been read by my parents/guardian and me, and we understand the conditions contained therein. (See provisions on back)

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT OF GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS OF STUDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I (we) interviewed the above applicant and explained to him/her the total amount of aid an athlete could receive from any NIRA member institution, or from any source other than his/her parents or guardians. Furthermore, I (we) made no offer or promise of aid in excess of this amount. The offer of aid was stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF COACH

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE OR DESIGNEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE