



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Sarah Bridenbaugh, Assistant Commissioner

DATE: September 1, 2023

RE: Financial Aid Report

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As directed, I followed up with the three member schools who needed additional follow-up from the 2022-23 financial aid survey. I have noted my findings from each member school below for your review.

- Calvary Christian
  - Noted the school will occasionally exceed the amount of FACTs recommendation in extenuating circumstances, due to a sudden loss in income, health issue, etc. Athletic Director Mark Ross did confirm one varsity tennis player was given additional funds.
  - Athletic Director Mark Ross noted that the school administration is correcting protocols to ensure a student-athlete is not granted aid beyond the limits defined in Bylaw 11.
- Kentucky Country Day
  - Noted that they used a Merit Test not on the list of approved tests. Athletic Director Amy Elliott confirmed that they use EasyCBM test to determine merit aid.
  - Athletic Director Amy Elliott confirmed that Kentucky Country Day has transitioned to the Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition.
- St. Mary
  - Noted the school will occasionally exceed the amount indicated by FACTs due to other factors such as change or loss in income, medical expenses, elder care, or other comments indicated on the application.
  - Athletic Director Brad Ehlers is working on producing a list of athletes who may have received more than the FACTs recommendation.
  - List of athletes/sports were submitted.
  - I worked with Athletic Director and administration on corrective measures for future monitoring and compliance with Bylaw 11.

To update you on the continued monitoring of Evangel Christian, I spoke with Superintendent Washington on August 28, 2023 and she confirmed they have added new school policies to monitor Bylaw 11 status of all athletes. They have implemented a school-wide “athletic review committee” that will meet bi-monthly to review finances and financial aid. They have created a form for all students and are using FACTs as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party agency. Evangel Christian will be asked to once again submit GE39 for any postseason participation in all sports and sport-activities.