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Joey Figueroa
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Re: FOIA 15-719

Dear Mr. Figueroa:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of August 27, in which you requested:

“Any and all UIUC student-athletes that are currently on scholarship and receiving paid benefits in the form of:
- room and board
- meal plans
- tuition
- For any responsive information provided in this request, please separate or differentiate by sport and year.
- Also include the dollar amount each corresponding student-athlete is receiving, as well as how many years each student-athlete is under scholarship.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 25 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Certain information has been redacted as exempt from production under section 7(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g) protects the privacy of student education records and prohibits the release of any information from a student’s education record without the consent of the eligible student or parent of the student.

- 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes personal family and medical information.
Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer