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Dear FOIA officer:

My name is John Keilman, and I'm a reporter with the Chicago Tribune. This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). I am asking your office to provide copies of records that describe or denote the following:

- 1 • For each year, 2008 to 2012, the number of athletic scholarships, by sport, that were not renewed at Eastern Illinois University
- 2 • If not included in the above records, notations for the reason(s) each athletic scholarship, for the years 2008 to 2012, was not renewed
- 3 • For each year, 2008 to 2012, all notifications of non-renewal of athletic scholarships sent to student-athletes at Eastern Illinois University
- 4 • For each year, 2008 to 2012, all documents related to appeals of non-renewals of athletic scholarships at Eastern Illinois University
- 5 • Eastern Illinois University's policies and procedures for appealing the non-renewal of an athletic scholarship
- 6 • The athletics aid agreement signed by athletes at Eastern Illinois University

If you claim any portion of the above public records to be exempt under 5 ILCS 140, please identify in writing which portion or portions you claim are exempt and the statutory provision or provisions you claim apply; set forth the reasons for your conclusion that such portion or portions are exempt; and release the remainder of such records for inspection and copying, redacting only the portion or portions you claim are exempt.

The Tribune also requests a waiver of fees associated with filing this request, as the newspaper plans to use the information to examine the management of athletic scholarships at public universities. Those purposes are directly related to the welfare and legal rights of the general public, and therefore qualify for a fee waiver as specified in 5 ILCS 140/6.

Please respond within the five business days allotted under the law, and let me know before filing this request if you believe copying and research fees will exceed \$20.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please call me at [redacted] or [redacted]. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

John

John Keilman
Reporter, Chicago Tribune