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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS GRANT TO  
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL PLAYER**

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December 1, 2014 (Boise, ID) – Today, the **College Football Assistance Fund (CFAF)** announced that a grant of \$7,500.00 will be awarded to Boise State University Broncos football player Jeremy Ioane to help with medical costs while awaiting a kidney transplant.

Ioane, a senior defensive back from Hawai'i, was recently placed on a waiting list for a transplant. His kidney functions are down to 1% as he relies on a dialysis machine for 8-10 hours a day just to stay alive. His medical bills to this point have been covered by his family's insurance and Boise State student insurance. When he graduates in December, however, he will lose the university coverage.

Doctors diagnosed Ioane with IgA nephropathy after a kidney biopsy in the summer of 2012. The disease occurs when abnormal deposits of the protein IgA collect in the filtering units of the kidneys.

"Boise State is very thankful that the College Football Assistant Fund has reached out to help Jeremy," said Boise State Director of Athletics Mark Coyle. "Their support for Jeremy is amazing and I know the Ioane family will really appreciate it."

Ioane recently was placed on a list for a kidney transplant - the estimated wait is up to three years - but hopes instead to receive a kidney from a family member. His mom, Doris, has started the donor-matching process, which takes four to six weeks, through the University of Utah.

Ioane's medical costs will continue rising, meaning fundraising efforts must continue. Those able to assist can make donations at [www.CFAFund.org](http://www.CFAFund.org), which will be put in a restricted fund for Ioane.

## **ABOUT CFAF**

The College Football Assistance Fund (CFAF) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the support of football players. Assistance is provided to ease the burden of medical costs associated with injuries such as joint replacement, spine treatment, neurological care and other related expenses.

The CFAF was established in 2010 by a group of collegiate coaches and athletic administrators concerned about the limited resources available to injured football players. Major donors include some of today's top college football coaches and Bowls.

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