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College Planning and NCAA Eligibility Webinar *A Free Virtual Webinar* For High School Student Athletes and Families



Tuesday

**July 20, 2021
7:00 - 9:00 PM ET**



Featuring Guest Speaker



Dr. Christie Murray
College Planning Expert & Published Author



Reserve your spot today! Space is limited.

Register at: <https://ncaacollegeplanning.eventbrite.com>



Learn more about:

- ❖ NCAA Eligibility
- ❖ Applying to colleges
- ❖ Getting financial aid
- ❖ Finding scholarships
- ...and more



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Welcome

College Planning and NCAA Eligibility Webinar

- Welcome and thank you for joining this webinar.
- For high school scholar athletes (and parents) desiring to play collegiate sports.
- Will be recorded for future use.
- Lines will be muted to minimize background noise.
- Use the chat function for comments or questions.
- There will be a Q&A session at the end.
- Have paper and pencil available to take notes.

Disclaimer

College Planning and NCAA Eligibility Webinar



This webinar offers general guidance that can be applied by most high school students.



Follow your high school and colleges policies on:

Academic requirements

Recruiting practices

Sports involvement



NCAA Eligibility Requirements may change. Visit their website for the most up-to-date information.

Webinar Objectives

Educate...

Equip...

Empower...



- Scholar athletes and parents with valuable and timely college admissions and NCAA Eligibility information.
- Share key steps scholar-athletes can take to position themselves for success.
- Discuss relevant COVID implications

Let's Have An Interactive Discussion!

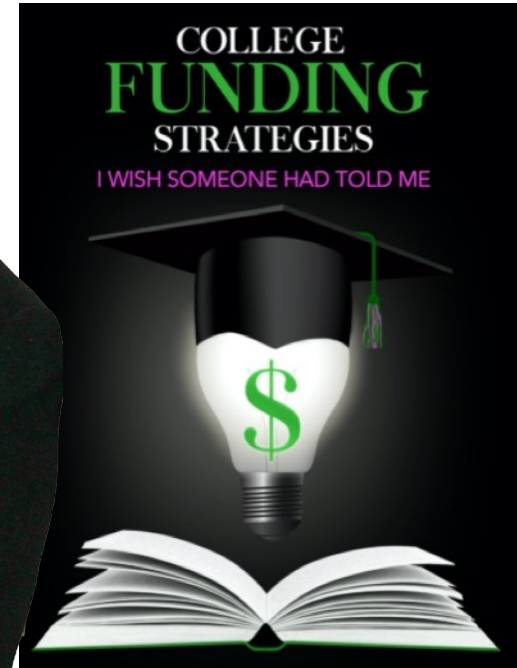
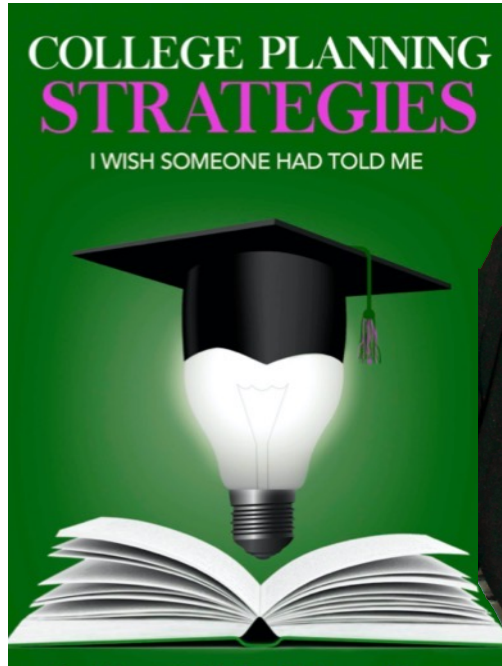
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Agenda Topics

- Speaker Introduction
- Who's Playing Sports in College
- The 3A Model
- Protecting Your Brand
- College Planning Basics
- NCAA Eligibility Overview
- Give-a-ways
- Q&A

Speaker Introduction

“College Planning and Funding Strategies I Wish Someone Had Told Me”



Dr. Christie Murray

Published Author, National Speaker

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My Personal Experiences



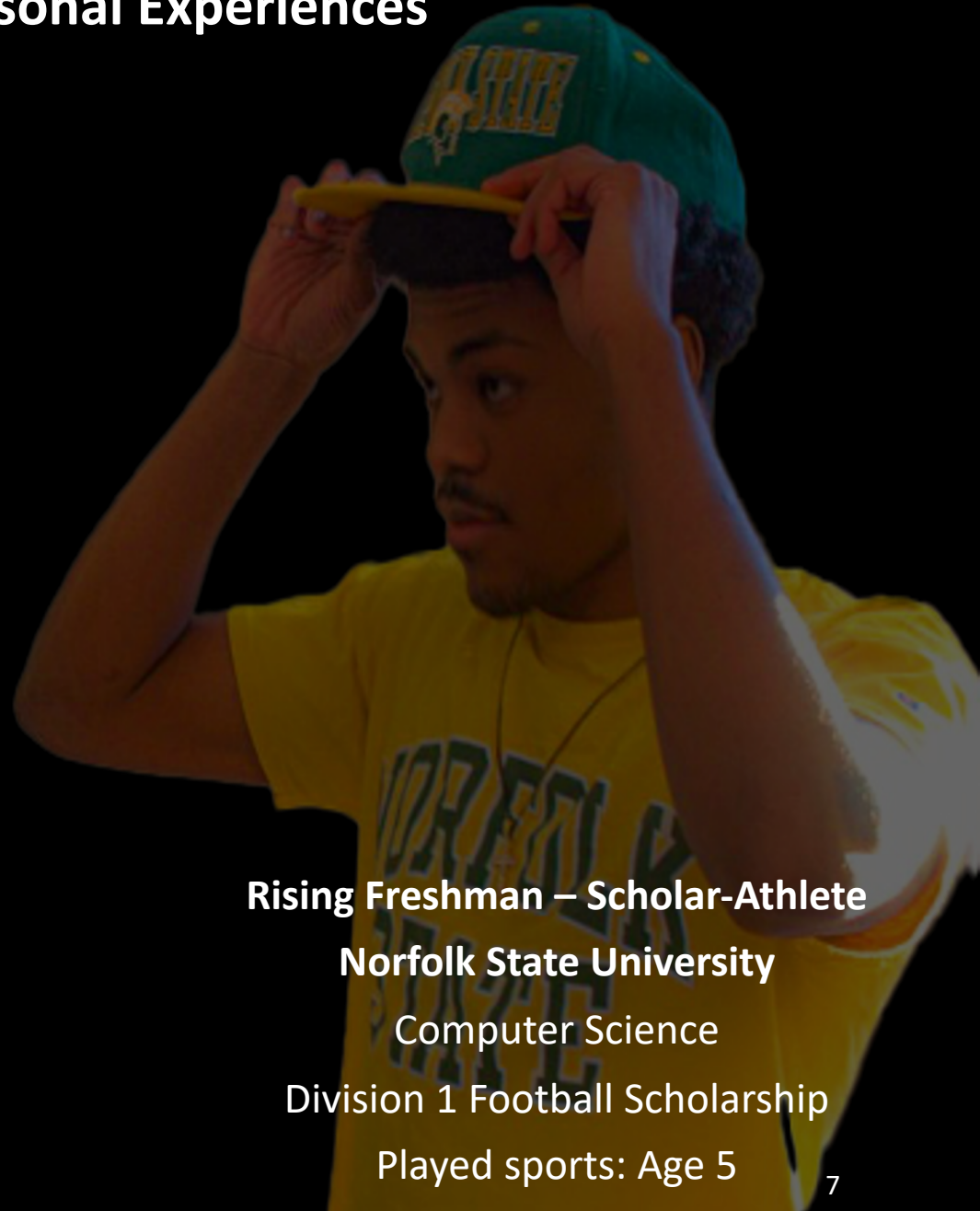
Junior

Old Dominion University

Mass Communication Major

Entrepreneur, Prolific Clothing

Played sports: Age 7



Rising Freshman – Scholar-Athlete

Norfolk State University

Computer Science

Division 1 Football Scholarship

Played sports: Age 5

Tell Me About You!



**Interested in playing
collegiate sports?**



What sport?



**What Grade Are You
In?**



What High School?

Who's Playing Sports?



- Nearly **8 million** students participate in high school athletics.
- About **7%** of high school athletes (about 1 in 13) play a varsity sport in college.
- Divisions I and II schools provide more than \$3.6 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 180,000 student-athlete.

Source: Scholarship Stats (2020): <https://scholarshipstats.com/varsityodds>

Female College Scholar-Athletes

	High School Participants	NCAA Participants	Overall % HS to NCAA	% HS to NCAA Division I	% HS to NCAA Division II	% HS to NCAA Division III
Women						
Basketball	399,067	16,509	4.1%	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%
Cross Country	219,345	15,624	7.1%	2.7%	1.7%	2.7%
Field Hockey	60,824	6,119	10.1%	2.9%	1.4%	5.8%
Golf	79,821	5,436	6.8%	2.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Ice Hockey	9,650	2,531	26.2%	8.9%	1.1%	16.2%
Lacrosse	99,750	12,452	12.5%	3.7%	2.6%	6.2%
Soccer	394,105	28,310	7.2%	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%
Softball	362,038	20,419	5.6%	1.8%	1.7%	2.2%
Swimming	173,088	12,980	7.5%	3.3%	1.2%	3.0%
Tennis	189,436	8,596	4.5%	1.5%	1.0%	2.0%
Track & Field	488,267	30,326	6.2%	2.8%	1.5%	1.9%
Volleyball	452,808	17,780	3.9%	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%
Water Polo	21,735	1,217	5.6%	3.3%	1.1%	1.2%

Sources: High school figures from the [2018-19 High School Athletics Participation Survey](#) conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations; data from [club teams](#) not included. College numbers from the NCAA [2018-19 Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report](#).

Source: NCAA (2018-2010): <https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/>

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Male College Scholar-Athletes

	High School Participants	NCAA Participants	Overall % HS to NCAA	% HS to NCAA Division I	% HS to NCAA Division II	% HS to NCAA Division III
Men						
Baseball	482,740	36,011	7.5%	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%
Basketball	540,769	18,816	3.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%
Cross Country	269,295	14,303	5.3%	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%
Football	1,006,013	73,712	7.3%	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
Golf	143,200	8,485	5.9%	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%
Ice Hockey	35,283	4,323	12.3%	4.8%	0.6%	6.8%
Lacrosse	113,702	14,603	12.8%	3.1%	2.5%	7.3%
Soccer	459,077	25,499	5.6%	1.3%	1.5%	2.7%
Swimming	136,638	9,799	7.2%	2.8%	1.2%	3.2%
Tennis	159,314	7,785	4.9%	1.6%	1.0%	2.3%
Track & Field	605,354	28,914	4.8%	1.9%	1.2%	1.7%
Volleyball	63,563	2,355	3.7%	0.7%	0.7%	2.3%
Water Polo	22,475	1,072	4.8%	2.7%	0.8%	1.3%
Wrestling	247,441	7,300	3.0%	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%

Source: NCAA (2018-2010): <https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/>

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The 2% Club

About 2%:

- High school athletes are awarded some form of athletics scholarship to compete in college.
- High school athletes (1 in 57) go on to play at NCAA **Division I** college.
- NCAA student-athletes go on to be professional athletes.

Source: NCAA

(2021):https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/compliance/recruiting/NCAA_RecruitingFactSheet.pdf

What Sets the **2%** Apart?

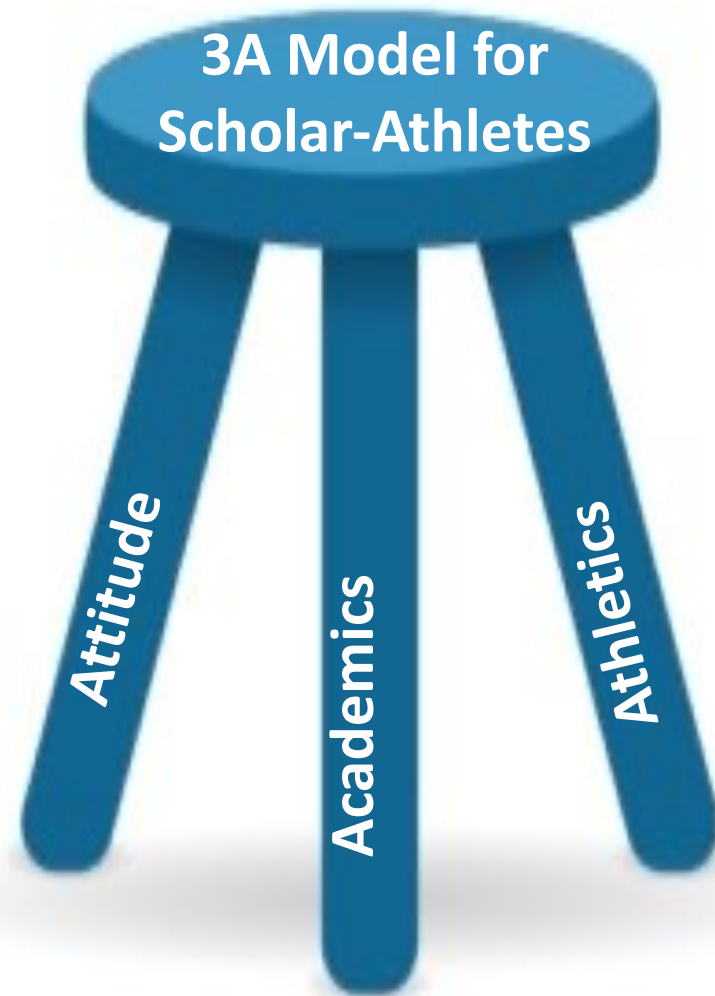


Mastering the 3A Model for Success

Two-percenters
possess ALL three!

In this order!

- **Attitude**
- **Academics**
- **Athletics**



3-Legged Stool

Mastering the 3A Model for Success

3-Legged Stool



What happens when legs are broken or missing?

- Function/performance lacking
- Other legs must overcompensate
- Delayed for repairs

People will sit on ANOTHER stool!!!

How Can You Reach Your NCAA Collegiate Goals?



Attitude:
Protecting Your
Brand

Academics:
College Planning
Basics

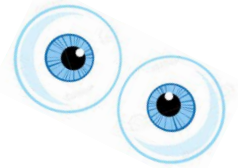
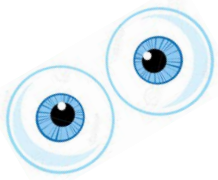
Athletics:
NCAA Eligibility
Overview

Attitude: Protecting Your Brand

You are not the only person on the DEPTH CHART!



Someone is always waiting for your SPOT!



Attitude: Protecting Your Brand

You are a Brand...Manage it Carefully



How you show up matters:

In school

In person

On paper

Online

On the court/field/etc.



Scholar-athletes must:

Have a positive attitude

Practice self-discipline & balance

Be coachable

Set the example (leader)

Respectful

Communicate well

Your Goal: Separate Yourself from the Competition



Attitude: Protecting Your Brand

Learn to Communicate...Effectively & Appropriately

- Set up an email for college communications (share w parents).
- Share your interests with coaches early in high school.
 - Want to play sport(s) in college
 - Major and colleges of interest
 - How you may need their help
- Ask for help.
- Find out how your coach and high school works with colleges for recruitment purposes.
- Manners matter.
 - Use please...and thank you
 - *Yes and no...instead of yeah and naw...*

What Will Coaches Say About You?

How Can You Reach Your NCAA Collegiate Goals?



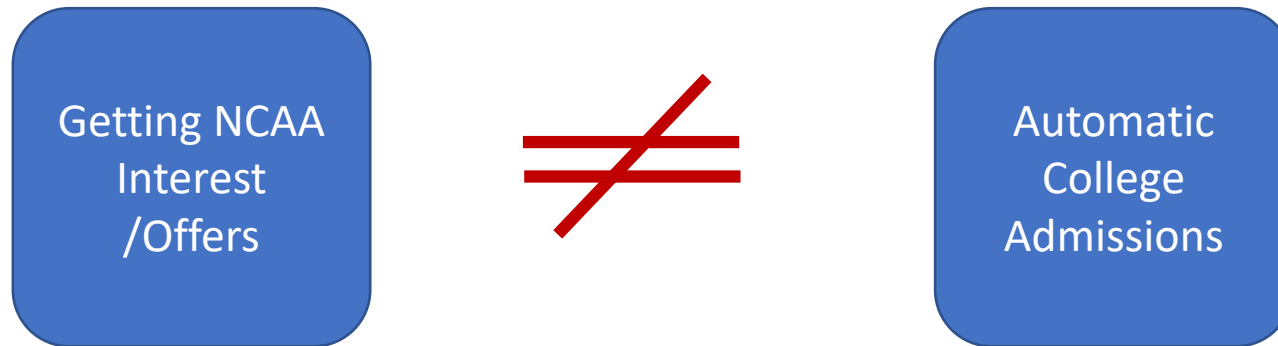
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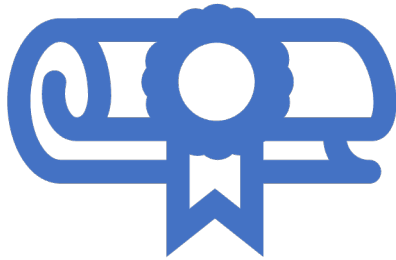
Academics: College Planning Basics

- Athletes **cannot** just focus on athletics and sports.
- Academics are just, if not more important than athletic performance.
- When should you focus on academics? EARLY and OFTEN.
- High school juniors and seniors should take timely action.



You must meet the NCAA requirements and each college's requirements

Academics: College Planning Basics

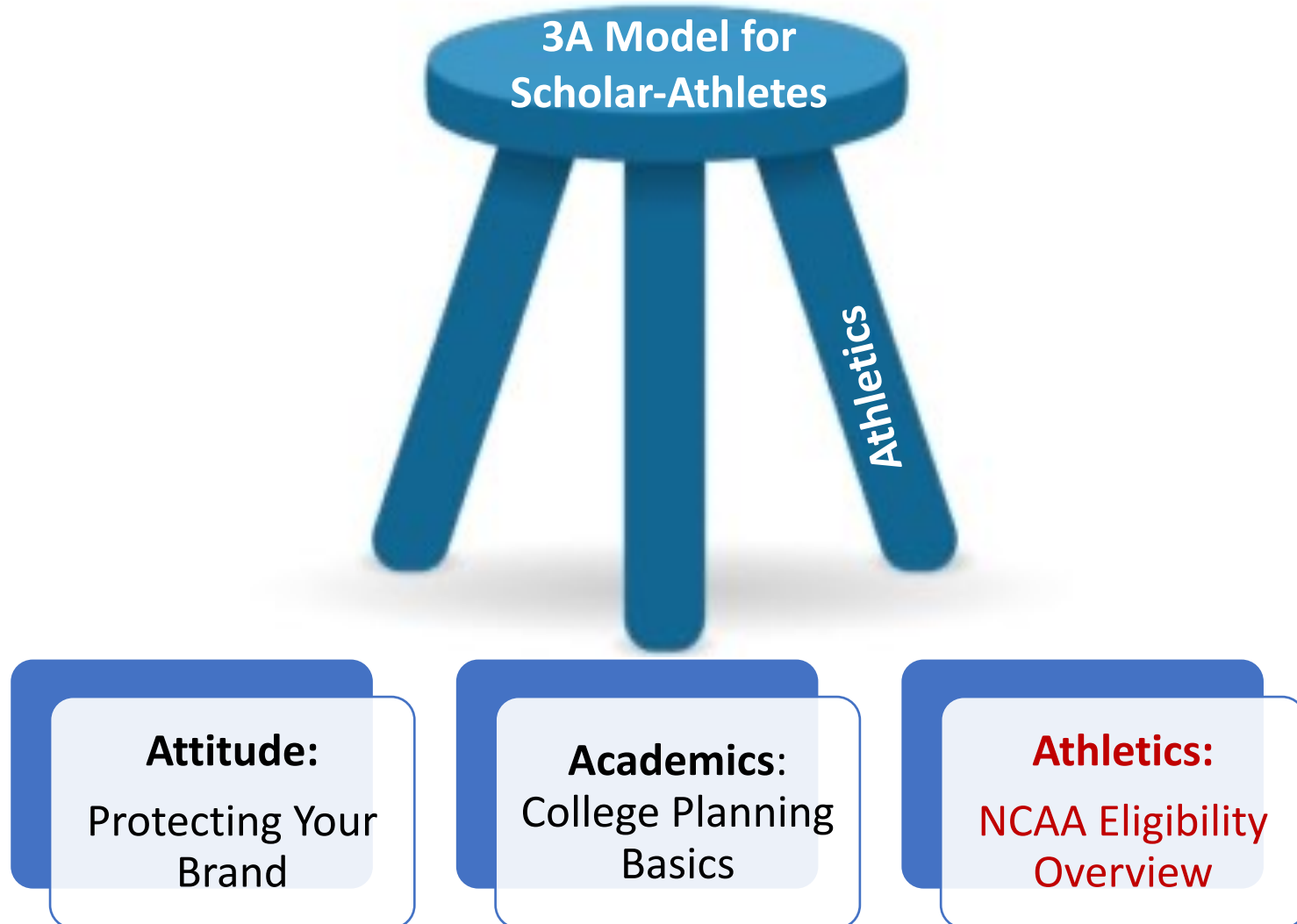


- Keep your grades up! (college admissions/scholarships)
- Know your current GPA after every semester!
- Find out now how to get official copies of your high school transcript.
- Become familiar with NCAA Eligibility requirements.
- Strategically determine your courses.
- Have a college admissions and funding plan.
- Take the SAT/ACT (sophomore - early senior year).
- Narrow down your list of majors.
- Research and visit colleges (tours).
- List your top colleges choices (academic/athletic).

Academics: College Planning Basics

- Identify who can write letters of recommendations.
 - College applications
 - Scholarships
- Be prepared to write essays!
- Apply to colleges in the **Fall** of your senior year.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after Oct. 1st: www.fafsa.gov.
- Search and apply for scholarships (athletic, merit-based, interest-based, etc).
- Save your usernames and passwords for easy access.

How Can You Reach Your NCAA Collegiate Goals?





Eligibility
Center

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Overview

Website: www.eligibilitycenter.org

NCAA Eligibility

- Scholar-athletes, as a group, graduate at higher rates than others in the general student body.
- College-bound scholar-athletes must meet all NCAA approved academic and athletic requirements.
 - Meet the 16 core course requirements (Div 1 & Div 2).
 - Complete amateurism standards.
 - Meet GPA and SAT/ACT requirements (sliding scale).
 - Graduate from high school.
- Initial eligibility certification process due to COVID: initially enroll **full time** in college for the **2021-22 or 2022-23** academic year.

Note: Cannot wait until your senior year to understand or meet NCAA requirements

Divisions

Division 1:

- On average, enroll the most students.
- Manage the largest athletics budgets.
- Offer a variety of academic programs.
- Provide the most athletics scholarships.

Division 2:

- Provide growth opportunities through academic achievement.
- High-level competition.
- Focus on community engagement.

Division 3:

- Provide an integrated environment focusing on academic success.
- Offers a competitive athletics environment.
- Limited scholarships.
- You do not need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Division I & II

You must certify with the NCAA Eligibility Center:

- Compete at an NCAA Division I or II school
- Meet amateurism standards
- Meet academical requirements for coursework

Create a Certification Account to:

- Make official visits to Divisions I and II schools
- Sign a National Letter of Intent

Takes about 30 minutes to register

Website: www.eligibilitycenter.org

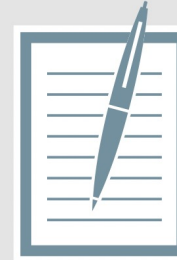
REGISTER



Register with an Eligibility Center Certification Account before your sophomore/10th year at eligibilitycenter.org.



Select each sport you plan to play at an NCAA school.



Complete and update the sports participation section annually.

Before starting at an NCAA Division I or II college or university, request final amateurism certification and confirm you have provided complete and accurate information to the Eligibility Center.

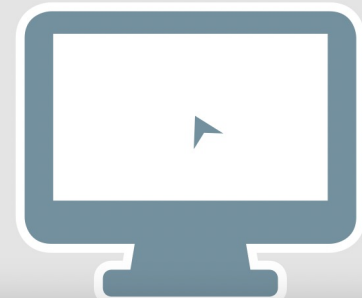
Seniors



Fall enrollees can request starting **April 1** before their DI or DII enrollment.

January/midyear enrollees can request **Oct. 1** before their DI or DII enrollment.

Visit ncaa.org to learn how to request final amateurism certification.



Amateurism

- The Eligibility Center will review your sports participation history to determine your amateurism status.
- Ensures scholar-athletes have not played collegiate sports or received payment prior to initially entering a DIV 1 or DIV II program.

Division I & II Certification Account Checklist

- ☐ Valid email student address
- ☐ Student information (birthdate, address, contact info)
- ☐ Education information (high schools)
- ☐ Sports participation history
 - ☐ Awards or expenses
 - ☐ Individuals who advised or marketed you (helps the Eligibility Center certify your amateur status)
- ☐ Payment (One-time fee)
 - ☐ \$90 non-refundable fee (U.S. & Canada)
 - ☐ \$150 non-refundable fee (international)
- ☐ You will receive an NCAA ID (colleges will ask you for this)

Division I & II

NCAA Eligibility Center - Task List

TASKLIST

STATUS	DESCRIPTION	DATE ASSIGNED
✓	<i>Required information regarding initial eligibility, banned drugs and sports wagering</i>	01/03/2018
✓	<i>Required information regarding NCAA Data and Reports</i>	09/11/2019
✓	<i>Official transcript needed</i>	04/06/2020
✓	<i>Request Final Amateurism Certification</i>	04/01/2021
✓	<i>Request Final Amateurism Certification</i>	04/01/2021
✓	<i>Request Final Amateurism Certification</i>	04/01/2021
✓	<i>Official final transcript needed</i>	05/02/2021

Division III & Undecided



Create a Profile Page:

To compete at a Division III school
If unsure where you want to compete.
You will receive an NCAA ID



NCAA will send you important reminders as you complete high school



If interested in a Division I or II path, transition to a Certification Account.

Website: www.eligibilitycenter.org

Division I & II

General Academic Requirements

- Must graduate from high school
- Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses
- Core-Course minimum GPA:
 - Division I → 2.3 GPA
 - Division II → 2.2. GPA
- Must qualify for each sport interested in
- SAT or ACT Test Scores (based on a sliding scale)



2.3 or Take a Knee!

Division I & II

COVID -19 Automatic Waiver Criteria

Initially Enrolling 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 Academic Years

COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria—2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment*		
Alternative Standard	Division I	Division II
Qualifier Athletics aid, practice and competition.	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core-course progression (10/7) before starting 7th semester;** 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; ≥ 2.300 core-course GPA; and Proof of graduation. 	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; ≥ 2.200 core-course GPA; and Proof of graduation.
Early Academic Qualifier Athletics aid, practice and competition.	Pre-7th Semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 core-course units in the required subject areas; and ≥ 3.000 core-course GPA. 	Pre-7th Semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 core-course units in the required subject areas; and ≥ 2.500 core-course GPA.
Academic Redshirt Athletics aid (1st year) and practice (1st term).	Complete Academic Record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 core-course units in the required subject areas; ≥ 2.000 core-course GPA; and Proof of graduation. 	N/A***

*Standardized test scores are excluded from these criteria.

Division I & II

COVID -19 Automatic Waiver Criteria

Sample Course Calculation and Approval

Courses used to meet 10/7

ACADEMIC YEAR	HS CODE	CATEGORY	TITLE	GRADE GPA	DIV I UNITS	DIV I QUALITY POINTS
1	472468	Additional	SPANISH I 551020	A	1.0	4.0
1	472468	English	ENGLISH 9 113010	B	1.0	3.0
1	472468	Math	GEOMETRY	A	1.0	4.0
1	472468	Math	ALG I 313020	B	1.0	3.0
1	472468	Science	BIOLOGY 431020	B	1.0	3.0
1	472468	Social Studies	WORLD HISTORY/GEO 1	A	1.0	4.0
2	472468	Science	CHEMISTRY 441020	B	1.0	3.0
3	472468	Math	ADVANCED MATH 316001	A	1.0	4.0
3	472468	Science	EARTH SCI 421020	B	1.0	3.0
3	472468	Social Studies	ECON AND FINANCE	A	1.0	4.0
Total				3.5	10.0	35.0

Academic Eligibility

Division I				
ACAD. CERTIFICATION	10/7 MET?	UNITS	QUALITY POINTS	GPA
Final Nonqualifier	Yes	16.0	50.0	3.125
DECISION DATE		WAIVER		
04-Nov-20		COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved		

Division I & II

Academic Requirements

Final Nonqualifier/Preliminary Reviewed

Students who meet the alternative Qualifier or Early Academic Qualifier will show...

DIVISION I

Academic Status
Final Nonqualifier

Amateur Status
Preliminary Reviewed

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver
Approved)

DIVISION II

Academic Status
Final Partial Qualifier

Amateur Status
Preliminary Reviewed

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver
Approved)

DIVISION I ACADEMIC STATUS

Final Nonqualifier

COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved

You are immediately eligible to receive athletics aid, practice and compete. Contact your institution's Compliance Department for details.

DIVISION II ACADEMIC STATUS

Final Partial Qualifier

COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved

You are immediately eligible to receive athletics aid, practice and compete. Contact your institution's Compliance Department for details.

Division I & II

Academic Requirements

Final Nonqualifier/Final Certified



Men's Basketball

Final Amateurism has been requested

DIVISION I

Academic Status
Final Nonqualifier

Amateur Status
Final: Certified

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)

DIVISION II

Academic Status
Final Partial Qualifier

Amateur Status
Final: Certified

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)



If you will be participating in nonscholastic NCAA-certified basketball events, click one of the links below to learn more about the BBCS program or sign-up for a BBCS account.

[Visit Our Website](#) | [Go to the BBCS](#)



Football

Final Amateurism has been requested

DIVISION I

Academic Status
Final Nonqualifier

Amateur Status
Final: Certified

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)

DIVISION II

Academic Status
Final Partial Qualifier

Amateur Status
Final: Certified

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)



Men's Track

Final Amateurism has been requested

DIVISION I

Academic Status
Final Nonqualifier

Amateur Status
Final: Certified

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)

DIVISION II

Academic Status
Final Partial Qualifier

Amateur Status
Final: Certified

(COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Approved)

Division I & II

SAT/ACT Requirements

- Earn an SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA (sliding scale).
- Have scores sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center (code **9999**).
- Will choose the best scores from each test section to create your sum score.
- SAT/ACT scores may not be required during COVID-19.
- Students who present test scores will still receive the automatic waiver for 2021-2022 or 2022-2023.
- **Recommend** still taking the SAT and/or ACT.
 - College admissions.
 - Merit scholarship opportunities.

NCAA Eligibility

Division 1 - Sliding Scale

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT Verbal and Math ONLY	ACT Sum
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56

Division I & II

Academic Requirements

- **Grade 9:** Get a list of your high school's [NCAA core courses](#) to make sure you take the right classes.
- **Grade 10:**
 - Register w/ NCAA Eligibility Center (D1 and D2).
 - Get your NCAA ID.
- **Grade 11:**
 - Make sure you will graduate with the required [NCAA core courses](#).
 - Submit your [ACT or SAT](#) to the NCAA (code 9999).
 - Submit your [official transcript](#) to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
 - Complete all academic and [amateurism](#) questions in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at [eligibilitycenter.org](#).

Division I & II

Academic Requirements

■ Grade 12:

- Beginning of senior year, ask your counselor to upload your [official transcript](#) to the NCAA Eligibility Center. (**NCAA Transcript Release**)
- Complete all academic and final [amateurism](#) questions in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- After graduating: Submit your final [official transcript](#) (from each high school) for proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Colleges will verify this before you begin any training.

Submit a Transcript Release Form



Transcript Release Form

Student's Name: _____ NCAA ID: _____

This form can be used to send an official transcript through grade 11 and/or the final transcript after graduation from high school. Faxed or emailed transcripts will not be accepted.

The above student has requested academic records be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center from your high school. Your school may use this release as authority to transmit academic records to the address listed below.

Authorization Signatures

I understand and agree to abide by the procedures in the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete. I authorize the high schools listed to release to the NCAA Eligibility Center my transcripts, proof of graduation, and any other academic or school-related information or records, as requested by the NCAA Eligibility Center for the purpose of determining my athletics eligibility. I further authorize the NCAA Eligibility Center to release personally identifiable information from my education records obtained by the NCAA Eligibility Center (including this release form and resulting certification decisions) to the NCAA, to any testing service whose test scores are included in my records (e.g., ACT or ETS), to my high school(s) or to all NCAA member institutions requesting my eligibility information, to the extent that such information is necessary to report, verify or review my athletics eligibility. I also authorize the NCAA to disclose personally identifiable information from my education records to a third party (including but not limited to the media) as necessary to correct any inaccuracies reported by the media or related to my preliminary or final certification decisions, without such disclosure constituting a violation of my rights, including my rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

I understand and agree that the information provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center for the purpose of determining my athletics eligibility may be used for NCAA and NCAA Eligibility Center research concerning athletics eligibility, the academic preparation and performance of student-athletes, and related issues. I also understand and agree that such research may be published or distributed to third parties, but that I will not be identified in any such published or distributed data. I also understand that the NCAA Eligibility Center will send my eligibility status to any NCAA Division I or II college that requests it. Further, I realize that the NCAA Eligibility Center will not send my eligibility information at my request; rather, the college must make the request for that information. Finally, I am aware that if no member institution requests my eligibility status, a final certification may not be processed. By submitting this form I understand it is my responsibility to provide accurate and true information to the NCAA Eligibility Center and to provide accurate and truthful updated information as necessary.

Student: Read and Sign Below

I certify that I am the person whose name appears on this form and that I have read and agree to the authorization statement outlined above.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if student is under 18 years of age)

HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ONLY

Please provide this form along with the above student's high school transcript to the following address:

NCAA Eligibility Center
Certification Processing
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207

NCAA Rules

Recruitment Basics

- **Recruitment:** when a college employee invites a high school student-athlete to play sports for their college.
 - Face-to-face contact
 - Phone calls
 - Text messages
 - Mail
 - Email
 - Social media
- **Contact:** When a college coach **says more than hello** during a face-to-face meeting with a college-bound student-athlete or his or her parents off the college's campus.
- **College visits:**
 - Official: College covers a student-athlete's visit expenses.
 - Unofficial: Student-athlete covers expenses (only 3 home tickets).

NCAA Rules

Recruitment Periods

- NCAA colleges are limited to recruit to certain periods of the year.
- **Contact period:** college coach may have **face-to-face contact** with student-athletes or parents, watch student-athletes compete or visit their high schools and write or telephone student-athletes or parents.
- **Evaluation period:** college coach may **watch student-athletes compete**, visit their high schools and write or telephone student-athletes or parents. No face-to-face contact with college-bound student-athletes or parents off the college's campus.
- **Quiet period:** college coach may not have face-to-face contact with student-athletes or parents or watch student-athletes compete or visit their high schools. Coaches may **write or telephone** student-athletes or parents.
- **Dead period:** college coach can have **no contact**, no visits, no watching students compete or visit high schools with students or parents.

Source: <https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/resources/recruiting-calendars/division-i-and-ii-recruiting-calendars>

Division I & II National Letter of Intent (NLI)

- A binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an NLI member institution (college), **not a coach**
 - Prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the institution.
 - The institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for one academic year.
- You only sign an NLI when you first enroll in a four-year institution or as a (2-4) transfer student (not a 4-4 transfer).
- You may only sign one valid NLI annually for one sport.
- Athletes cannot sign an NLI if you are a non-scholarship walk-on.
- For an NLI to be considered valid, it must be accompanied by an athletics financial aid award letter.
- Once you sign an NLI, all other institutions must cease contacting you and your family.

Division I & II National Letter of Intent (NLI)

- You may sign an NLI before you receive your final certification determination from the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Some colleges email NLI as an attachment to an email provided the offer of athletic aid is also included.
- Follow the college's instructions for signing and returning the NLI and athletics aid agreement to the institution.
- It is important that you keep a copy of the NLI and athletics aid agreement for your records.
- You are not required to sign an NLI but many prospective student-athletes sign because they want to create certainty in the recruiting process.
- Colleges must notify athletes annually regarding whether your athletics aid has been renewed.

Division I & II National Letter of Intent (NLI)

- You may sign an NLI only during the **designated signing period**.
- If you sign an NLI outside the appropriate signing period, the NLI shall be considered invalid.
- Within the signing period, **you and** your parent or legal guardian (if athlete is under 21) must sign the NLI and financial aid agreement **within 7 days** of the issuance date.
- Sign two copies one for you and one for the college.
- Colleges must file your NLI with its conference within 14 days or its invalid.
- You may find the appropriate signing period for your sport on the NLI website:
<http://www.nationalletter.org/signingDates>

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Signing Dates: Enrolling **2021-2022**



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Prospective Student-Athletes Signing 2020-21 and Enrolling 2021-22

Sport (s)	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Division I Basketball (Early Period)	November 11, 2020	November 18, 2020
Division I Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2021	August 1, 2021
Division I Football (Early Period)	December 16, 2020	December 18, 2020
Division I and II Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2020	January 15, 2021
Division I and II Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2021	Division I: August 1, 2021 Division II: August 1, 2021
All Other Division I and II Sports	November 11, 2020	August 1, 2021

[Click here to view the future signing dates schedule.](#)

Source: NCAA (2021): <http://www.nationalletter.org/signingDates/index.html>

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NCAA Rules

NLI Delivery & Signing

- There is nothing that precludes you from receiving an NLI while on campus for an official or unofficial visit.
- Please remember that you may only sign an NLI during a permissible signing period.
- A college coach cannot:
 - Deliver the NLI in-person to you off-campus.
 - Be present when you sign a NLI off-campus.

NCAA Rules

Verbal Commitment

- Verbal Commitment:
 - Publicly stating your intent to attend a college.
 - Non-binding, oral agreement between you and the college.
 - Students can verbally commit to one college and sign a NLI with another college.
 - Colleges can accept your verbal commitment and offer a NLI to another prospective athlete.
- NLI Release
 - Log in for the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - You must initiate the release request, submit a NLI Release
 - You can talk to other coaches after you request a release
 - It's the college's decision whether they approve your release.
 - You can appeal if the college does not approve.

Conclusion

- Position yourself well. Start early.
- Focus on the 3 A's equally.
- How you show up matters.
- Get organized early and have a college plan!
- Don't just rely on getting a NCAA athletic scholarship.
- Respect the NCAA eligibility process and rules.
- Leverage the NCAA website for the most accurate information.
- Market yourself.

Complete the Evaluation Survey

Share Your Feedback!



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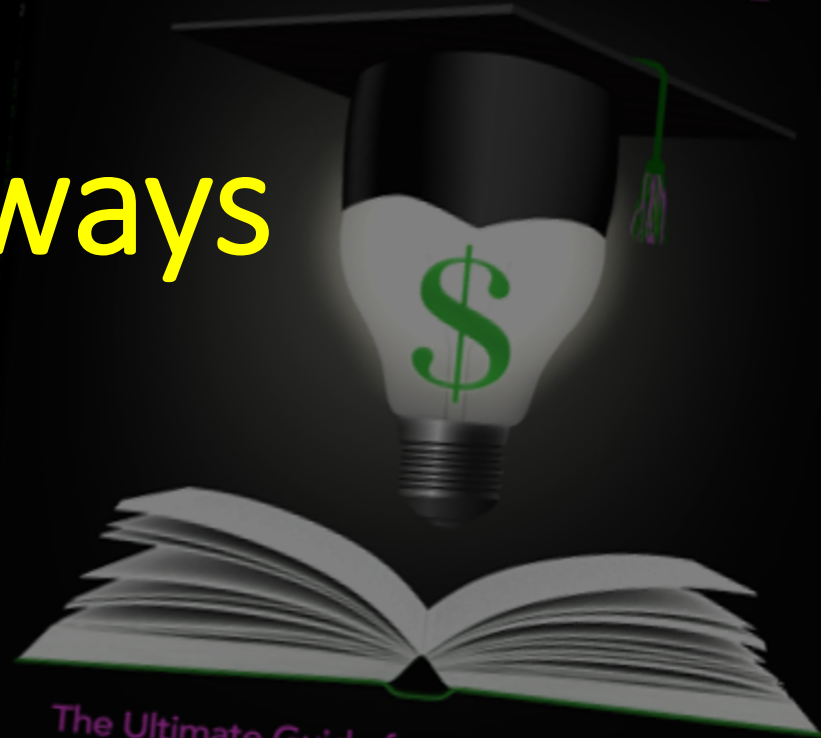


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- NCAA videos:
<http://www.nationalletter.org/video/index.html>
- SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org>
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