

How to get an Athletic Scholarship



Plan and be Proactive

Student-Athletes

More than **460,000 NCAA student-athletes** – more than ever before – compete in 24 sports every year.

More than 80% of student-athletes will earn a bachelor's degree, and more than 35% will earn a postgraduate degree.

More than **180,000 athletes will be applying to universities in 2019.**

Why Athletic Scholarships are given

- Athletic Scholarships are awarded by coaches based on their needs.
- Athletic Scholarships are NOT awarded based on your needs.
- Athletic Scholarships are NOT awarded based on the high school you attend.

Make a Plan

- Know the discipline that you want to study.
- Set clear goals.
- Coaches need to see that you are serious and have a plan in place.
- Gather all information about school you want to attend.

Create a Target-list of Schools

Make a list of 10 schools that you would like to attend.

Take the following into consideration:

- Your academic level
- Your athletic level
- Your location preference
- Your financial needs

Contact Information

- The university's location
- Coach's e-mail and telephone number.
- Contact the coach as soon as you know when you want to begin your Freshman year.

All of this information can be taken from the internet.

Provide Information to Coaches

- Email your personal data
 - Create a professional data sheet
 - Include transcripts and test scores
 - Video....if you have high quality videos include them or the links
 - Include schedules
 - Phone if asked by the coach
 - Have a professional email address:
bumptydumpty@yahoo.com is not a great address

Communicate with the Coach

- Emails: use a professional writing style. Be sure to have your work edited. Your writing style can leave a lasting opinion on the reader.
- Fill out Athletic Questionnaire/Recruit's Questionnaire on the school's Athletic Website

Learn the NCAA Rules and Regulations

- Learn the Academic Requirements of the Clearinghouse and the specific institution
- 16 Core Credits
- Do not let a coach or advisor tell you that you can take easy courses and still receive an athletic scholarship.
- Learn how contacts are made
- Learn how visits are arranged

Start the Process Early

- Make a plan
- Don't be afraid to start planning in Grade 9
- By Grade 10, you should have statistics and grades ready to be sent to Coaches
- By Grade 12, you will be able to show how your grades have improved.
- Your chances of success increase exponentially with higher grades

Nationally Recognized Tests

- SAT Reasoning Test
offered several times a year

www.collegeboard.com

- ACT
offered several times a year

www.actstudent.org

Check your university's admission requirements to decide which test to write.

**Core 16
Requirements for
Division I**

Available in BCSS Calendar

4 Years of English

ENG1D1

ENG2D1

ENG3U1

ENG4U1 EWC4U1

3 Years of Math

MPM1D1

MPM2D1

MCR3U1
MCF3M1

MHF4U1 MCV4U1
MDM4U1

2 Years of Natural or
Physical Science

SNC1D1

SNC2D1

SBI3U1
SCH3U1
SPH3U1

SBI4U1
SCH4U1
SPH4U1

2 Years of Social Science

CGC1D1

CHC2D1

CHA3U1
CGF3M1
HSP3U1

CHY4U1 CLN4U1
HSC4M1 CGW4U1
CPW4U1 CIA4U1

4 years of extra core
courses (from above or
foreign language, non-
doctrinal religion or
philosophy)

language credits can be used: FSF1D
FSF2D FSF3U FSF4U
LWSBD LWSCU1

OR any other course
listed above that is not
already being counted

NCAA Clearinghouse

The **NCAA Clearinghouse** is an essential step in becoming eligible to play college sports.

Over 180,000 potential college athletes register with the **NCAA** every year.

The Eligibility Center is the organization within the **NCAA** that determines the academic eligibility and amateur status for all **NCAA** DI and DII athletes.

When should you register for the NCAA Clearinghouse?

It is not necessary to register for the NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER until after your Junior Year (Grade 11). However, come **July 1** after your Junior Year, it should become your #1 priority.

The minimum GPA you can have and still be NCAA eligible for DI is a 2.3 GPA and a 900 **SAT** or 75 **ACT** sum score.

You will need a 2.20 GPA and a 840 **SAT** or 70 **ACT** sum score to be eligible at the Division II level

There are no Athletic Scholarships for Division III schools

How to Convert your GPA to a 4.0 Scale

Letter Grade	Per Cent	4.0 Scale
A+ :	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1.0
E/F	Below 65	0.0