

# NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA Requirements



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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Requirements:

- A student-athlete must be a graduate of a high school with an academic diploma, general education diploma or a state department of education approved high school equivalency test.
- Must be an amateur

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**PLAYNAIA**

THE NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Must make account at  
[PlayNAIA.org](https://www.playnaia.org)  
\$100

\*\*Okay to wait until Senior  
year to register

GPA of 2.3+  
WITHOUT qualifying  
test score

OR

Two (2) of the following:  
• GPA of 2.0+  
• Qualifying test score  
• Rank in top 50%

ACT-18 or SAT-970

\*\*Can receive Early Decision!












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# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
  - Academic requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.



# NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III <i>DISCOVER   DEVELOP   DEDICATE</i>
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	<b>351</b> (33%)	<b>296</b> (27%)	<b>433</b> (40%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	<b>8,449</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,655</b>
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	<b>1 in 22</b> 	<b>1 in 9</b> 	<b>1 in 6</b> 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 <b>36%</b>	 <b>25%</b>	 <b>39%</b>
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available <b>58%</b> of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model <b>67%</b> of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships <b>80%</b> of athletes receive nonathletics aid





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## THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



**High School  
Graduation**



**NCAA  
Initial Eligibility**

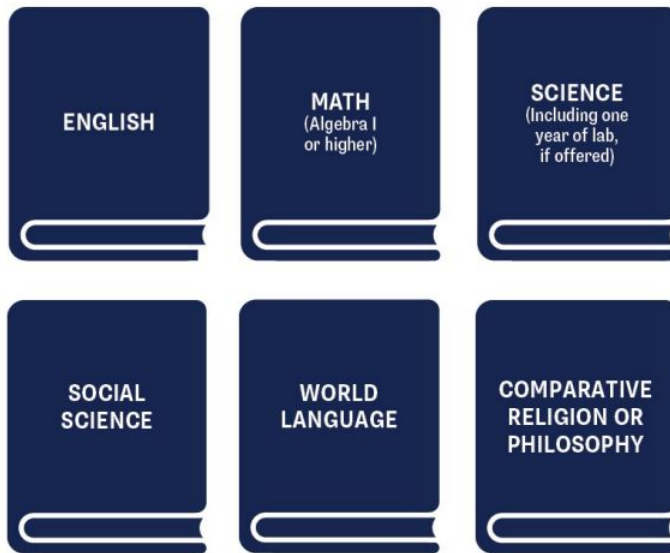


**College  
Admission**



## WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

» Meets all requirements for an [NCAA-approved core course](#).



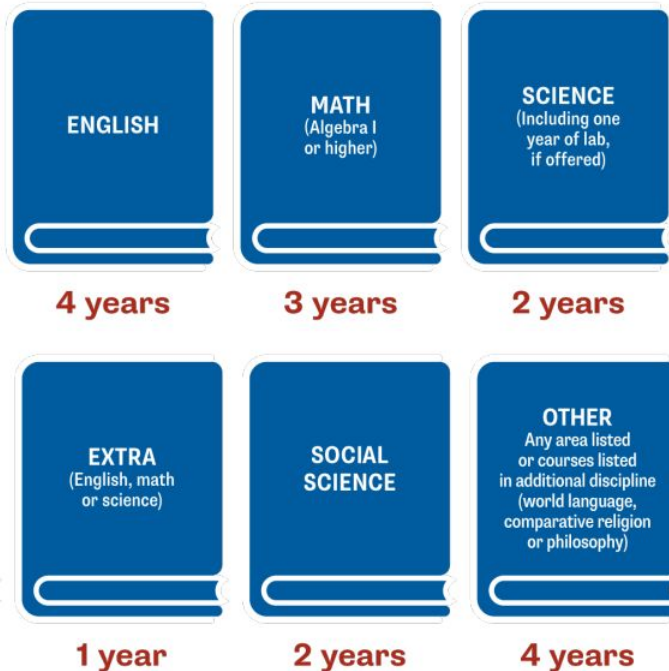
» Find your [high school's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses.





# DIVISION I: 16 CORE-COURSE UNITS

Complete 16 core-course units in eight academic semesters.



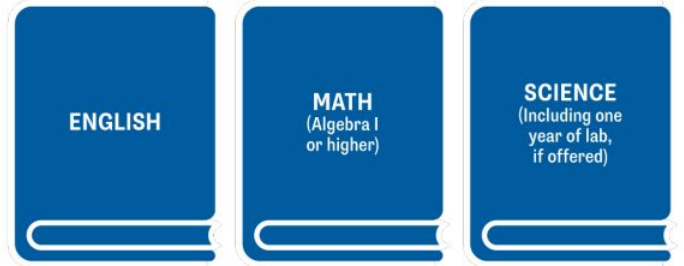
Language classes taken in Jr. High **DO NOT** count towards credit for NCAA eligibility (Jr. High credits do not count towards high school credit in CUSD).



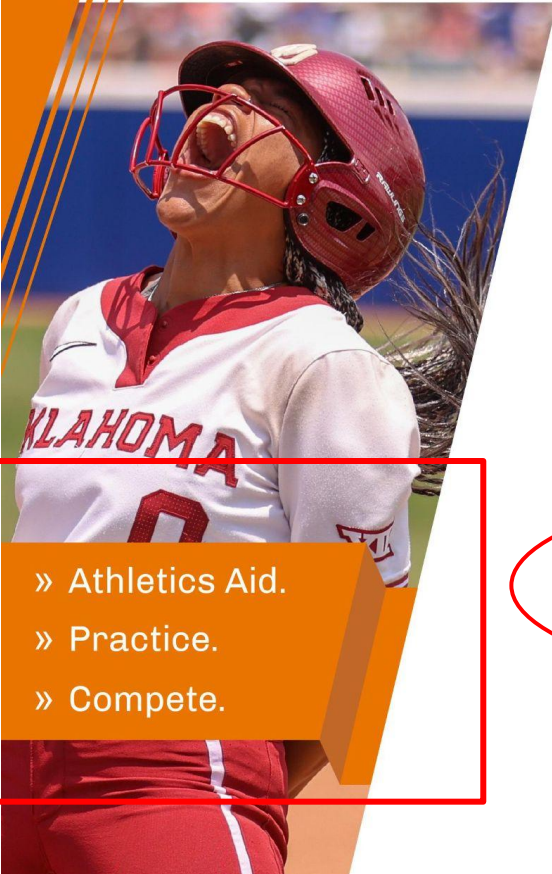
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## **DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION**

Complete 10 of their 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.



» Once a student begins their seventh semester, any course that is needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.



- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

## DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

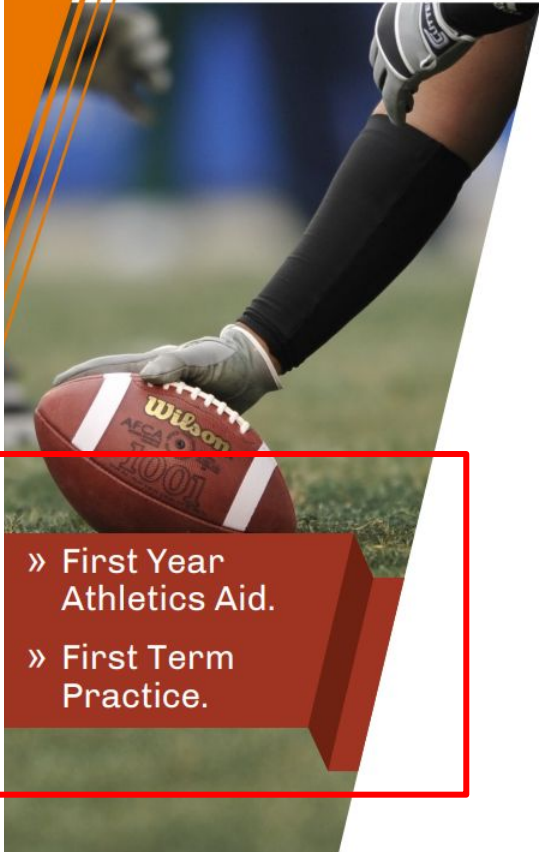
**Note:** Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.3$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.

## DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.0$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



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## DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

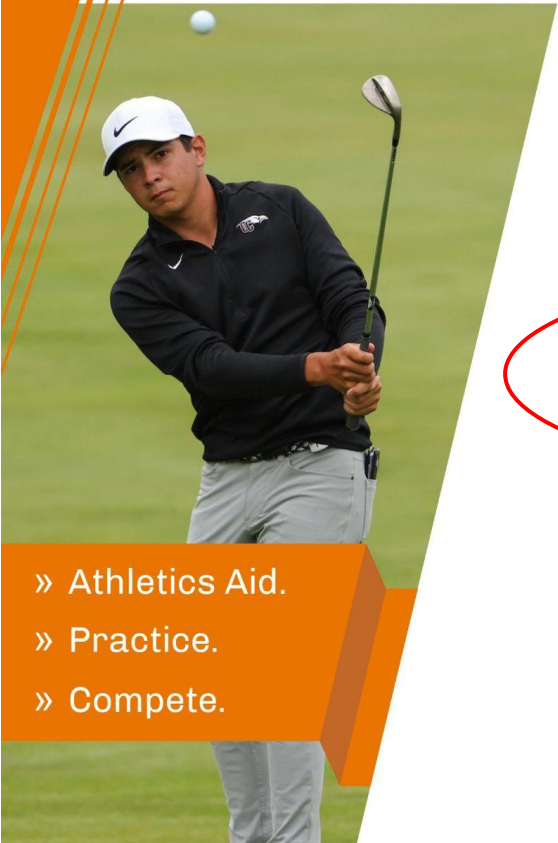
» ~~Athletics Aid.~~

» ~~Practice.~~

» ~~Compete.~~



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- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

## DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



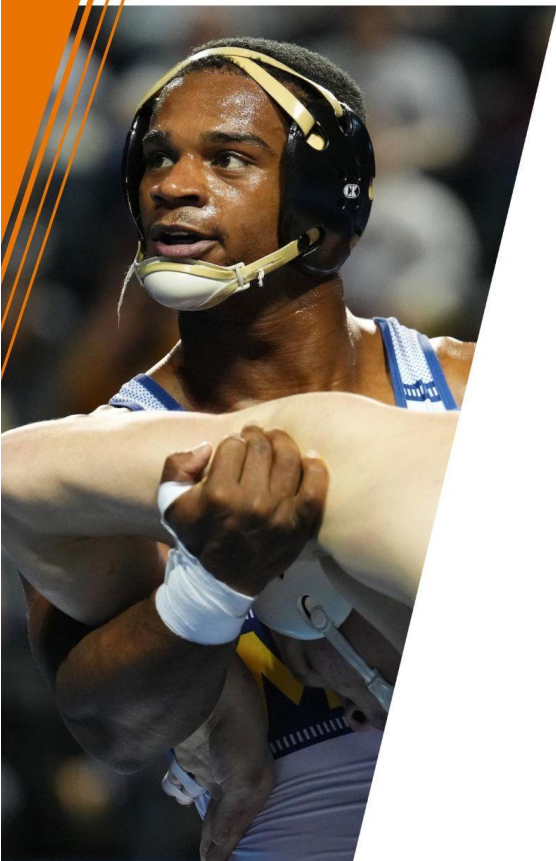
Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA  $\geq 2.2$  in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



## DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  - Academic requirements.
  - Admission.
  - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism-Only Certification account.
- » Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.





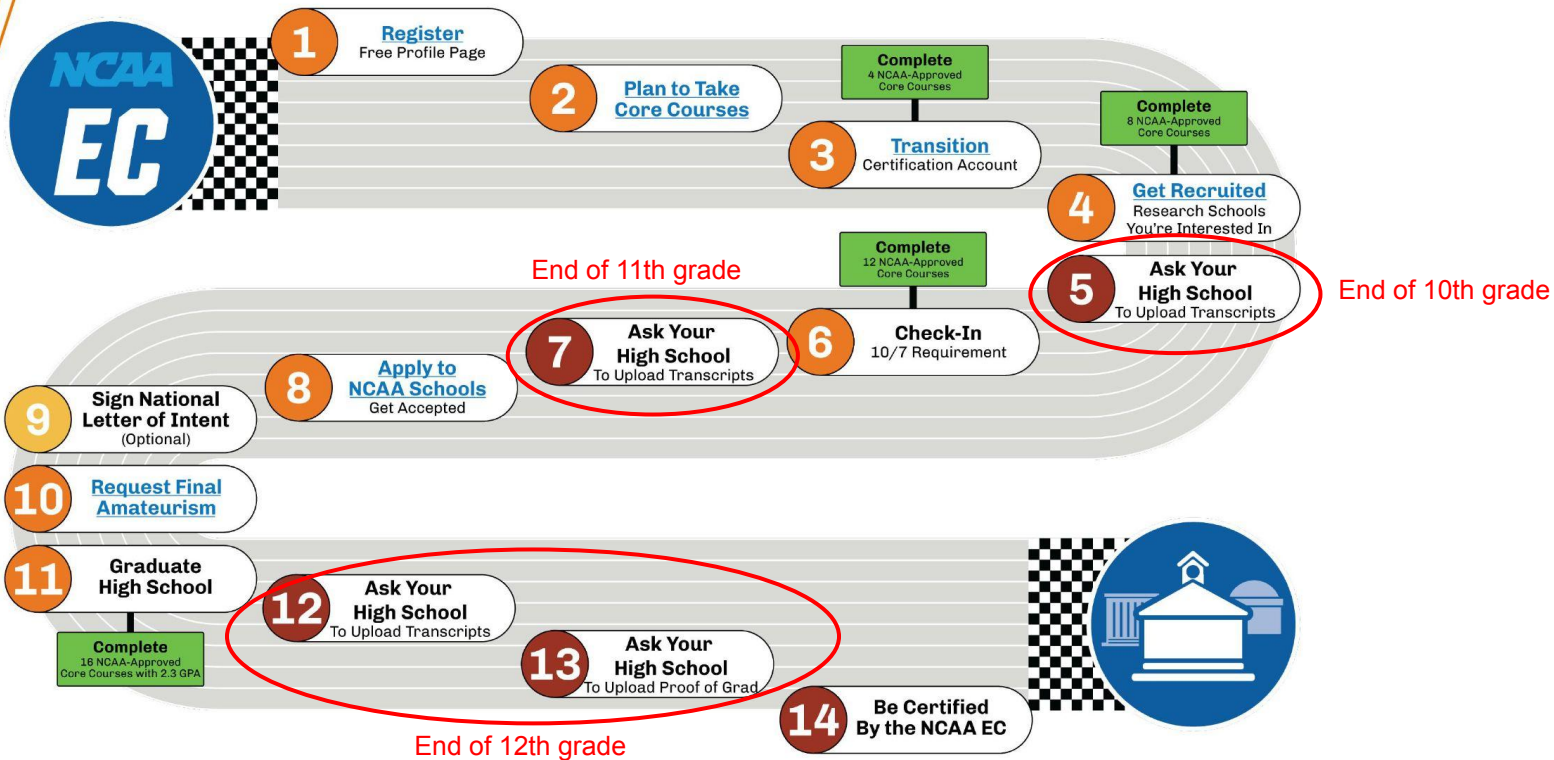
## COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before you can compete.
  - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting you.
- » Ask college admission about:
  - Cost of attendance.
  - Financial aid.
  - Standardized test scores.
    - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
    - > NOT required for NCAA certification.
  - For more questions to ask, visit [on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege](https://on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege).

\*same for  
NJCAA and  
NAIA



# KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATION ON TRACK



<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>



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# **NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

## **Three Account Types**



**Free Profile Page  
Account**



**Academic  
and Amateurism  
Certification Account**



**Amateurism-Only  
Certification Account**



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\*\*Freshmen, Sophomores

# FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

## Account Type #1



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division you plan to compete.
- » Domestic students planning to compete at a [Division III school](#).
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event ([BBCS](#), ECAG, AAU).



No registration fee.



[Transition](#) to the right [certification account](#) at any time.





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# ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

## Account Type #2



Required to compete at a Division I or II school.

- » Go on [official visits](#).
- » Sign a [National Letter of Intent](#).
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$100.
- » [International students](#): \$160.

**\*\*Sophomores being recruited, Juniors, Seniors**



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First Name Last Name

NCAA ID# 0123456789

Grad: MM YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY



## MY PROFILE



Account Created

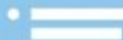
[Edit Account](#)



What's Next?

[Transition to Academic and Amateurism Certification account](#)  
[Transition to Amateurism-Only Certification account](#)

## SPORTS



[eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org)



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## INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

- » An **IRL** is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
  - You **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification.
    - > Receive athletics aid.
    - > Practice.
    - > Compete.

## ARE YOU BEING RECRUITED?

» You're being recruited if a college coach:



**Calls**



**Texts**



**Emails**



**Messages via  
Social Media**



**Visits Your  
High School**



**Pays Expenses  
to Visit Campus**



**Issues National  
Letter of Intent**



**Writes Offer  
of Financial Aid**

» Recruiting can begin as early as freshman year.

- In most cases, recruiting starts before junior year.

# RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- » Talk with your support system about what level of competition they think you should aim for.
- » Check your email often for open Eligibility Center tasks.
- » Use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
  - Research admission requirements to NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Research your division- and sport-specific recruiting periods.
- » Consider elite travel teams and camps.
- » Email college coaches during your sport's contact period to share your achievements and your interest.
  - Include your name, position and [NCAA ID](#).



Your Name

**NCAA ID: 1234567890**

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY

**\*\*Conduct yourself in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, and in your community and online.**

- » If possible, take official and unofficial visits.





# OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

## OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits are any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school the student is visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, the student must:



Register for a  
Certification Account



Be on an IRL



Send High  
School Transcripts

## UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial visits are any visit to a college campus paid by the student or their family members.



## QUESTIONS TO ASK NCAA COACHES

- » Additional team responsibilities.
- » Athletic training and medical expenses.
- » Coaching philosophy and style.
- » Degree completion support.
- » Injuries and rehabilitation.
- » Mental health resources.
- » Playing time.
  - Am I a top seed, five seed or standby recruit?
  - Are there any redshirt expectations?
- » Scholarship renewals.
  - ★ ○ Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
  - If I'm injured will my scholarship remain?
- » Team time demands.



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## CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL



**School Size**



**School Location**



**Majors  
and Minors**



**Cost of  
Attendance**



**Admission  
Requirements**



**Culture  
and Affiliations**



**Student-to-  
Faculty Ratio**



**Playing Time**



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**GRADES MATTER!!**



## **SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT**

Only about **2% of high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.
- » Expectations.
  - Annual scholarships.
  - Full scholarships.
  - Partial scholarships.
  - Scholarship renewals.



## GRADES MATTER!!

**NJCAA** Division I colleges may offer full athletic scholarships a maximum of tuition, fees, room and board, course related books, up to \$250 in course required supplies, and transportation costs one time per academic year to and from the college by direct route. Division II colleges are limited to awarding tuition, fees, course related books, and up to \$250 in course required supplies. Division III institutions may provide no athletically related financial assistance.

**NCAA** Divisions I and II schools provide more than \$3.6 billion in athletics scholarships annually to more than 180,000 student-athletes. Division III schools do not offer athletics scholarships. Many scholarships are only partial. The chance of getting a full athletic scholarship depends on the program. Only 58% of Division I athletes receive some form of financial aid, ranging from a book scholarship to a “full ride.” The amount is slightly higher in Division II at 67%.

**NAIA** awards over \$800 million in athletic scholarships to student-athletes competing at NAIA institutions each year. While NAIA athletes have the potential of receiving full-ride scholarships, many NAIA athletic scholarships are only partial awards, leaving leftover financial need in many cases. NAIA athletic scholarships are equivalency scholarships, meaning coaches can divide up their scholarship budget between multiple athletes.

Academic scholarships can fill the tuition costs that athletic scholarships do not cover

# Questions?

