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NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For Prospective Student Athletes



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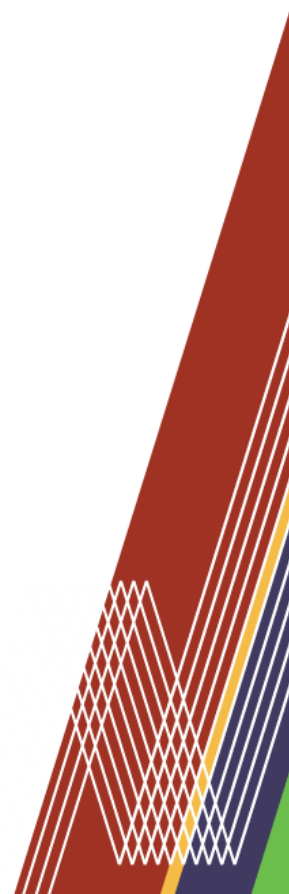
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AGENDA

- » NCAA Eligibility Center.
- » Registration.
- » Academic Standards.
 - Division I.
 - Division II.
- » Recruiting.
- » Resources.





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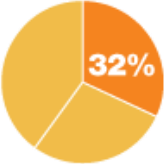





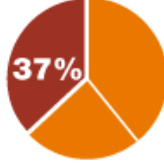



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- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
 - Academic requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.



OUR THREE DIVISIONS

	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	350 	300 	432 
 PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION			
 ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available 57% of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model 60% of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid

*Numbers are from 2020-21. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.



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REGISTRATION



NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. It includes the NCAA logo and 'Eligibility Center' on the left, and 'Student Email', 'Password', 'Forgot your password?', 'Login', 'Help', and 'High School Administrators' on the right. The main content area features a large photograph of athletes in purple and black uniforms. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' in large white letters, followed by 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete' in smaller white text. A prominent orange circle with a white downward arrow and the word 'REGISTER' is centered on the photo. In the bottom right corner, a white box contains the text 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' and a link 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'



NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Three Account Types



**Free Profile Page
Account**



**Amateurism-Only
Certification Account**



**Academic
and Amateurism
Certification Account**



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.



AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Required for all **international student-athletes** planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:
» \$70.



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who have not previously been certified as an amateur.



ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3



Required for students to compete at a Division I or II school.



Registration fee:

- » **Domestic students:** \$100.
- » **International students:** \$160.

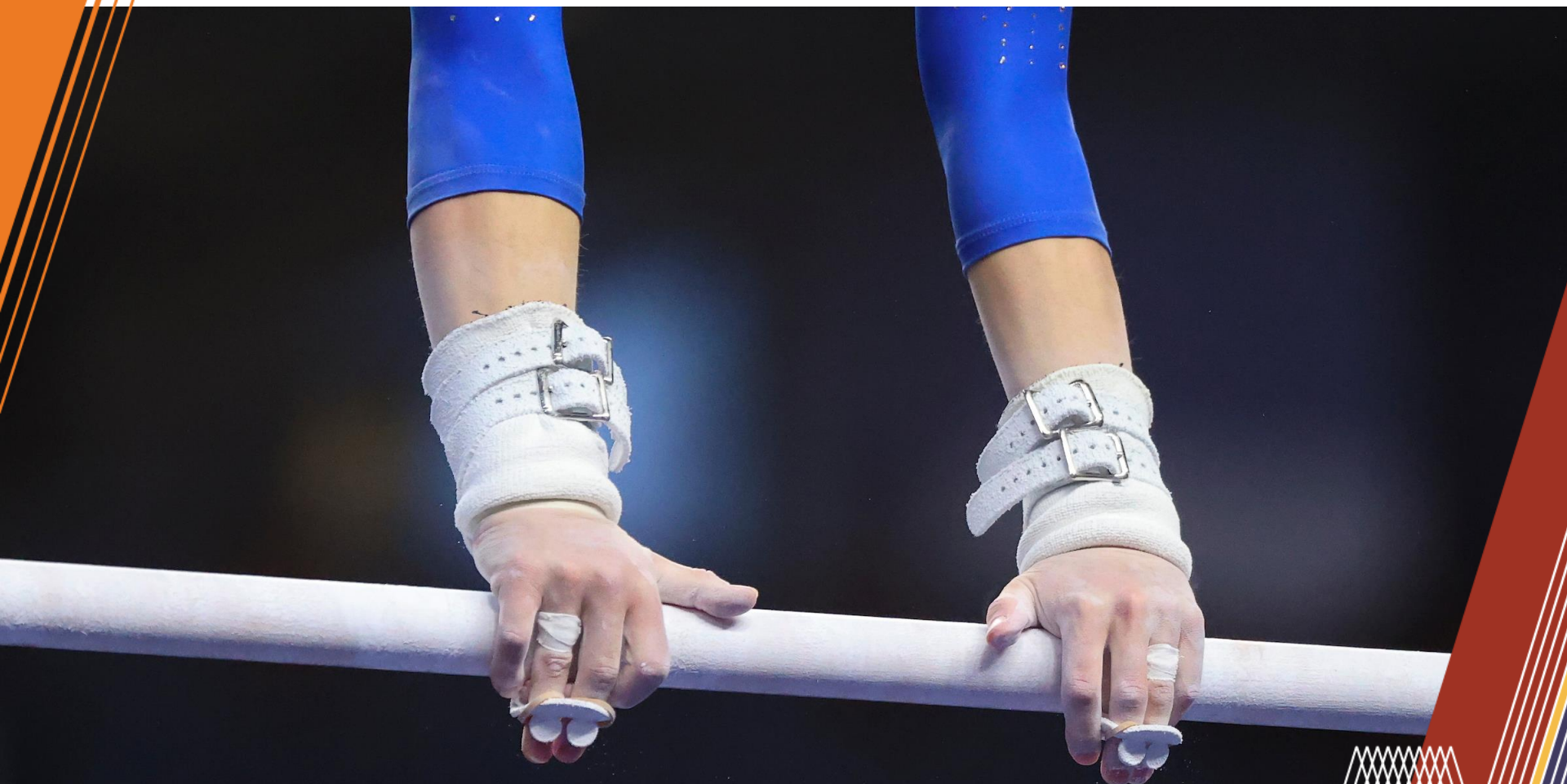


Required to:

- » Go on an **official visit**.
- » Sign an **NLI** with a Division I or II school.



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ACADEMIC STANDARDS

2023-24 Enrollment





DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

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



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.



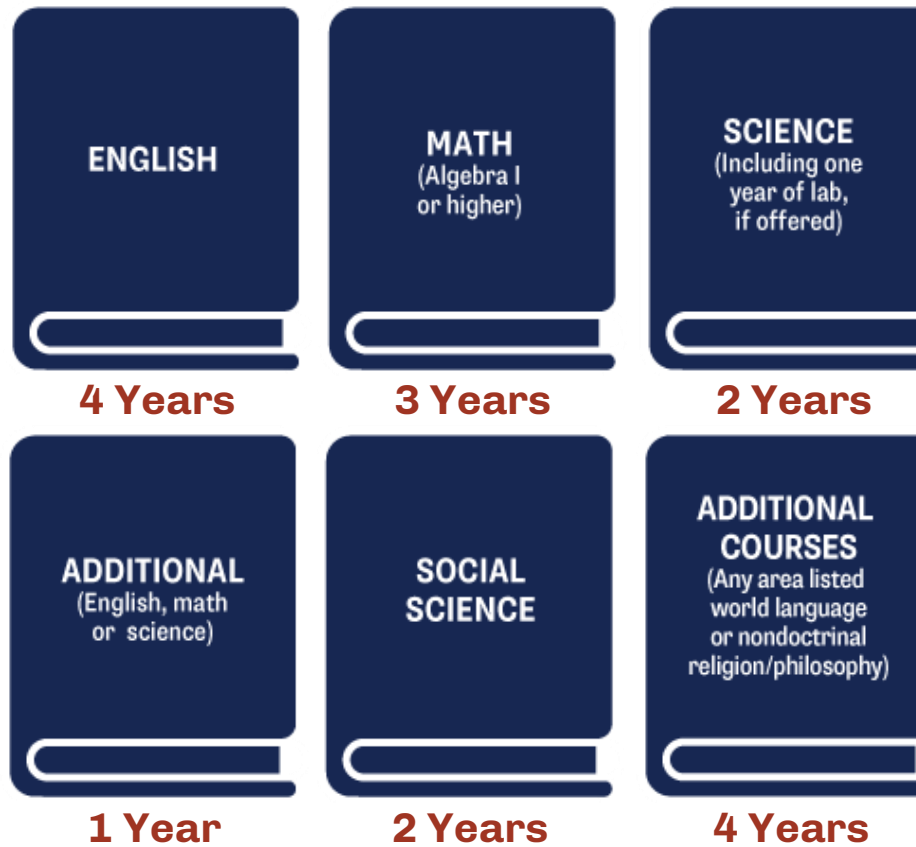
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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

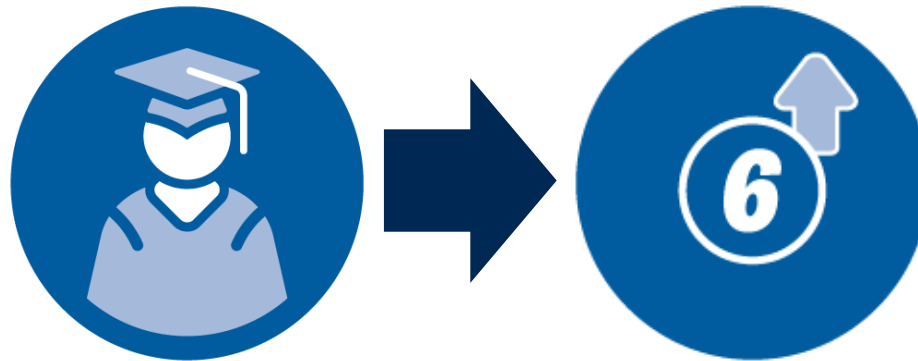


DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown



DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE PROGRESSION



**2023-24
Full-Time Enrollees**

**Up to Six Courses
(From Seventh Semester
to Full-Time Enrollment)**

- » This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



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



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.



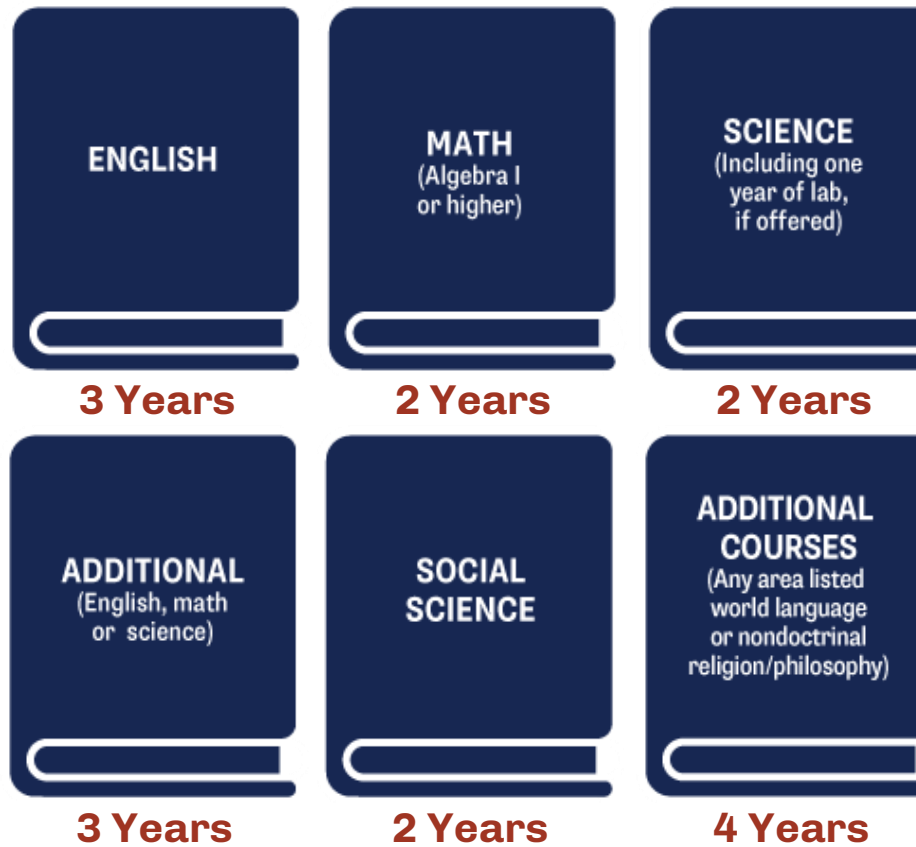
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown





STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

2023-24 Full-Time Enrollees



Test Score Task Force

- » Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year.
- » However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.



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INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES

Scan the QR Codes Below



**Division I Academic
Requirements**



**Division II Academic
Requirements**

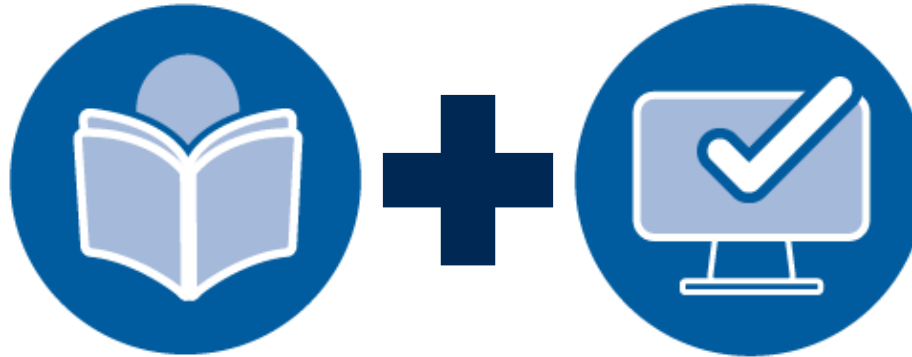
DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
 - Academic requirements.
 - Admissions.
 - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an 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.





DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



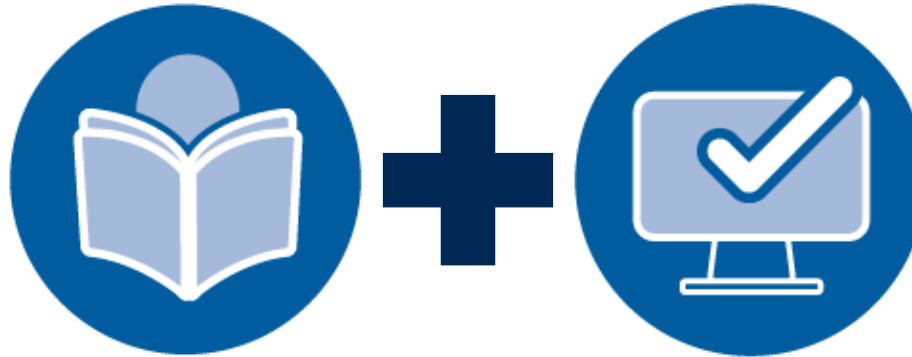
**Students of
All Grade Levels**

**Distance or
E-Learning Program**

- » The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars in response to closures due to COVID-19.



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



**Students of
All Grade Levels**

**Distance or
E-Learning Program**

- » This policy applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars.



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RECRUITING



RECRUITING CALENDARS

FOOTBALL, DIVISION I

RECRUITING METHOD	
Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters, social media messages, text messages)	You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time. A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior/11th year of high school.
Phone Calls to a Coach	You or your family may call a coach at any time.
Phone Calls From a Coach	A coach may call you one time between April 15 and May 31 during your junior/11th year of high school. Beginning Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year, a coach may call you one time per week outside a contact period and make unlimited calls during a contact period.
Off-Campus Contact	A college coach may have contact with you or your family off the college's campus beginning July 1 following the end of your junior/11th year of high school or opening day of classes of your senior/12th year (whichever comes first).
Unofficial Visit	You and your family may visit a college at your own expense at any time.
Official Visit	A college may pay for you and two family members to visit campus beginning April 1 of your junior/11th year of high school through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. After this date, a college may provide you the expense-paid visit after Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year.

» To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal.



RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA member schools limit recruiting to certain periods during the year.

» Recruiting calendars promote the well-being of college-bound student-athletes and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

- **Contact period.**
- **Quiet period.**
- **Dead period.**



UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial Visits

Any visit to a college campus paid by your student or their family members.

- » May take as many unofficial visits as they like after the first permissible date in each sport.
- » Be mindful of recruiting shutdowns and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

They may receive:

- » Complimentary admission.
 - May include three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest, or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.



UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit students must:

- » Send the NCAA school a high school transcript.
- » Register for a Certification account with the Eligibility Center.

During an official visit, NCAA schools can:

- » Pay for transportation to and from the college.
 - May include up to two family members in Division I basketball and FBS football.
- » Provide lodging and meals.
 - May include reasonable entertainment expenses.

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, students are agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLIs are voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » NCAA schools agree to provide athletics financial aid to them for a minimum of one academic year.
 - Must be admitted to the school.
 - Must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more information, visit nationalletter.org.





QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO ASK

- » What is the cost of attendance?
 - Financial aid.
 - > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
 - > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
 - On-campus housing.
- » What degree programs are offered?
- » What is the NCAA school's graduation rate?
- » Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
 - #1 vs #5 vs standby.
 - NLI.
 - Redshirt expectations.
- » What is the coaching philosophy and style?



PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If a student wants to play sports in college, they must:

- » Share their NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting them.
- » Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
- » **Request their final amateurism certification** before enrolling full time in college.
 - Starting April 1 (fall).
 - Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).
- » Ask their high school counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.
- » Understand considerations for documented **education impacting disabilities**.



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A large, stylized blue NCAA logo with white lettering, set against a dark blue background with white grid lines. The logo is surrounded by colorful confetti in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The background also features orange and red diagonal stripes on the left and right sides, and a white geometric pattern in the bottom right corner.

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RESOURCES



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**Guide for the
College-Bound
Student-Athlete**

- » Review the [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- » Visit eligibilitycenter.org.
- » Download our resources:
 - [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
 - [Initial-Eligibility flyer](#).
 - [DI Academic Requirements](#).
 - [DII Academic Requirements](#).
 - [DIII Requirements](#).



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QUESTIONS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

Contact the Eligibility Center



- » College-bound student-athlete support line.
 - 877-262-1492.
 - > Monday-Friday.
 - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

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