

## College-Bound Student-Athletes

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), a voluntary organization through which the nation's colleges and universities govern their athletics programs, was established in 1906 and now serves more than 1,300 colleges. The NCAA membership includes Division I, Division II, and Division III schools. The NCAA publishes a *Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete* that can be ordered or downloaded from [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). The Crosby Scholars office has a copy of this publication.

High School athletes who wish to become college athletes (Division I and II only) are required to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Athletes wishing to play Division III are not required to register with the Eligibility Center. The individual schools certify Division III athletes. Colleges and universities in Division I and II may offer athletics scholarships; colleges in Division III may not.

The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies both the **academic and amateur credentials** of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete at Division I or II schools. Amateurism bylaws differ in Division I and Division II.

### Meeting the NCAA academic rules does not guarantee your admission to college.

- Encourage your scholar to consider playing sports in college as only part of the decision, not the entire decision. It is important for the student athlete to consider other factors when choosing a college. Athletes can get hurt, become ineligible, or decide not to play.
- Who is assisting your scholar with the recruitment process? Encourage your scholar to visit with his/her coach to have an honest talk about his/her athletic ability. Your scholar should ask his/her coach for assistance in the recruitment process.
- College coaches must follow the recruiting rules outlined by the NCAA. Student athletes are also expected to follow the rules. Make sure your scholar knows what the rules are ~ including contacts, evaluations, and visits. A recruiting calendar is posted on the NCAA's web site. [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

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### Eligibility Center Registration

- Visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  - Create an account — *e-mail address is required*
  - Enter personal information
  - Enter coursework information
  - Enter sport(s) information
  - Pay the \$60 application fee
- (Fee waivers are available to those student-athletes who received a waiver for the ACT or SAT registration fee.)

NCAA Eligibility Center  
Certification Processing  
PO Box 7136  
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7136

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)  
(877) 262-1492

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics  
[www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)

National Christian College Athletic Association  
[www.thencaa.org](http://www.thencaa.org)

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

National Junior College Athletic Association  
[www.njcaa.org](http://www.njcaa.org)

United States Collegiate Athletic Association  
[www.theuscaa.com](http://www.theuscaa.com)