



Eligibility Center



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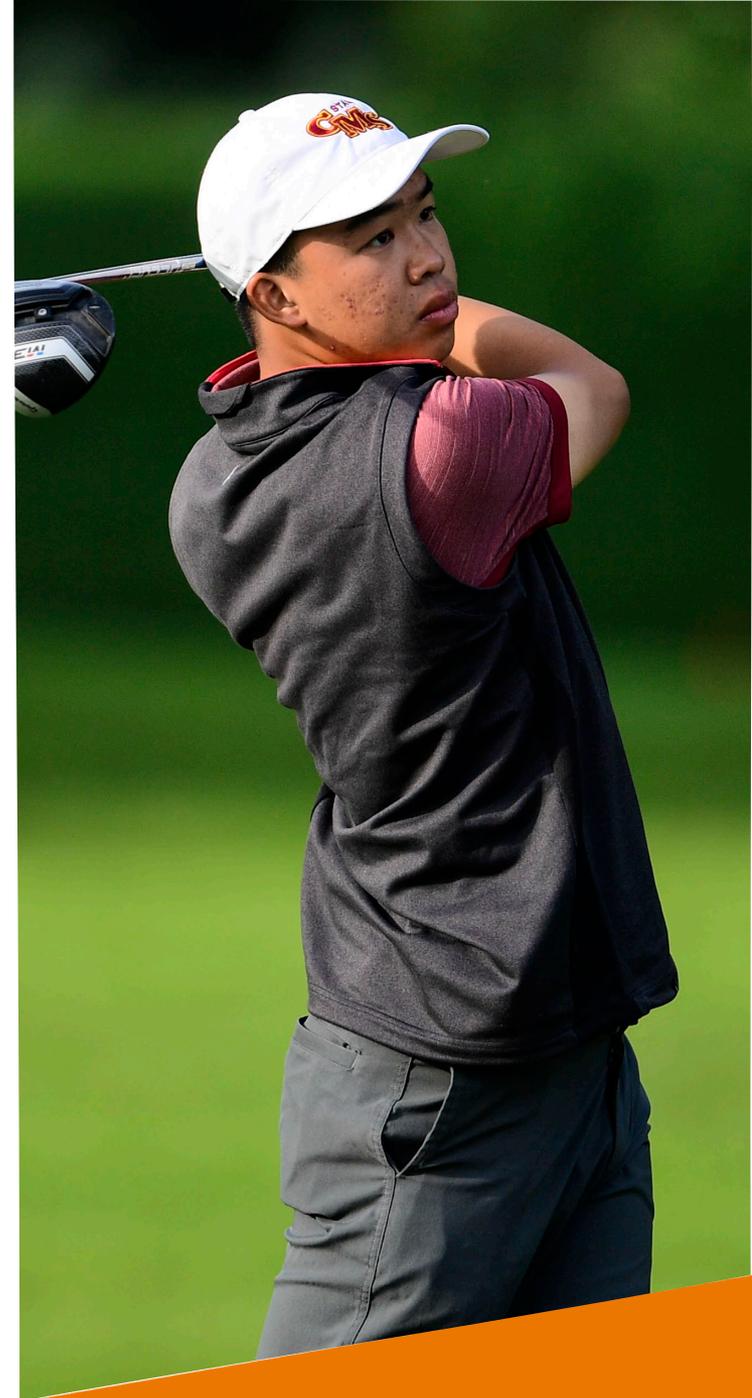


## ***WHAT IS THE NCAA?***

- ▶ NCAA members and the national office are dedicated to the lifelong success of college athletes. They are committed to providing a pathway to opportunity by prioritizing academics, well-being and fairness for student-athletes.

# ***NCAA FAST FACTS***

- ▶ 1,123 colleges and universities.
- ▶ 98 voting athletics conferences.
- ▶ 39 affiliated organizations.
- ▶ Almost half a million student-athletes.
- ▶ 19,500 teams.
- ▶ 90 championships.
- ▶ 24 sports.
- ▶ Three divisions.



# ***WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?***

- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center evaluates and certifies prospective student-athletes for collegiate competition at Divisions I and II schools.
- ▶ We focus on:
  - ▶ Academic preparedness.
  - ▶ Sports participation.
  - ▶ High school courses.
  - ▶ Customer service.
- ▶ Students who want to compete at NCAA Division I or Division II schools need to meet NCAA Eligibility Center:
  - ▶ Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
  - ▶ Amateurism requirements.

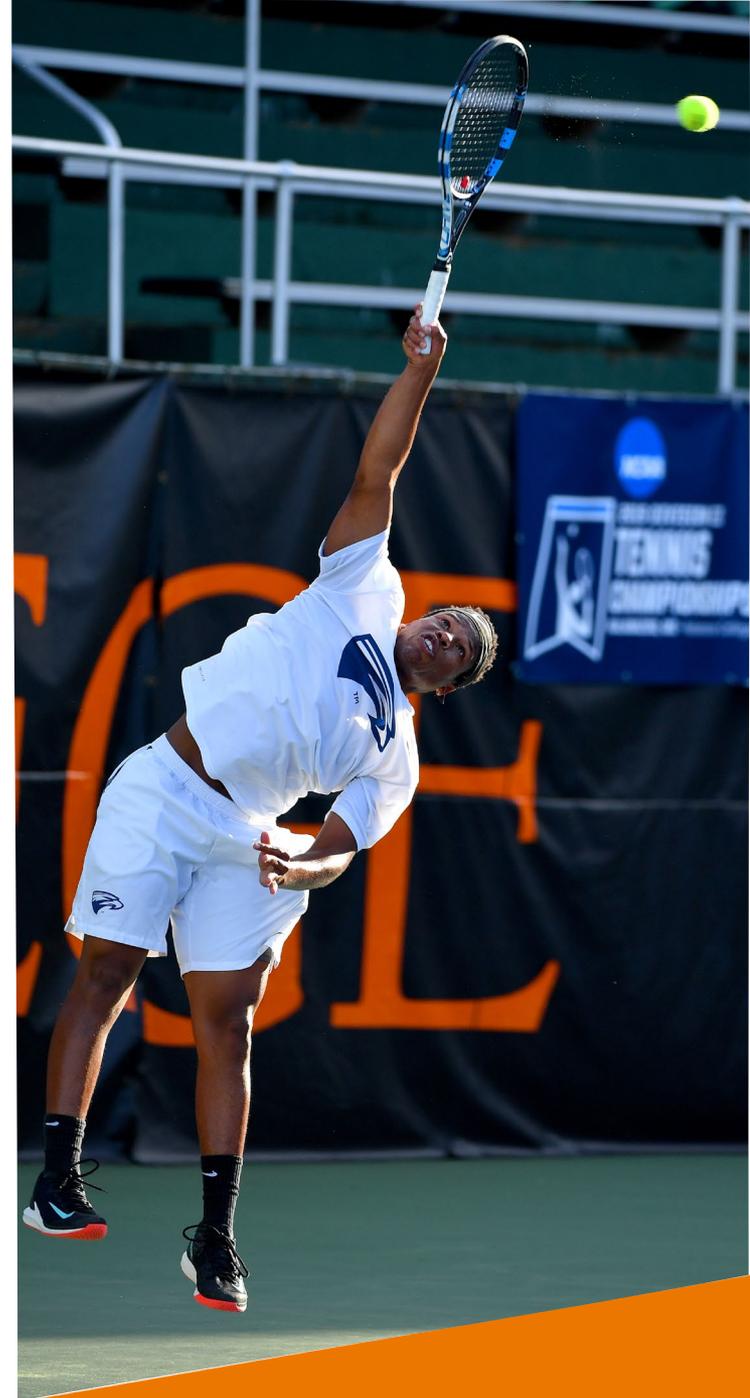


## ***HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE***

**College-bound student-athletes should follow these suggestions to prepare for Division I and Division II initial-eligibility requirements.**

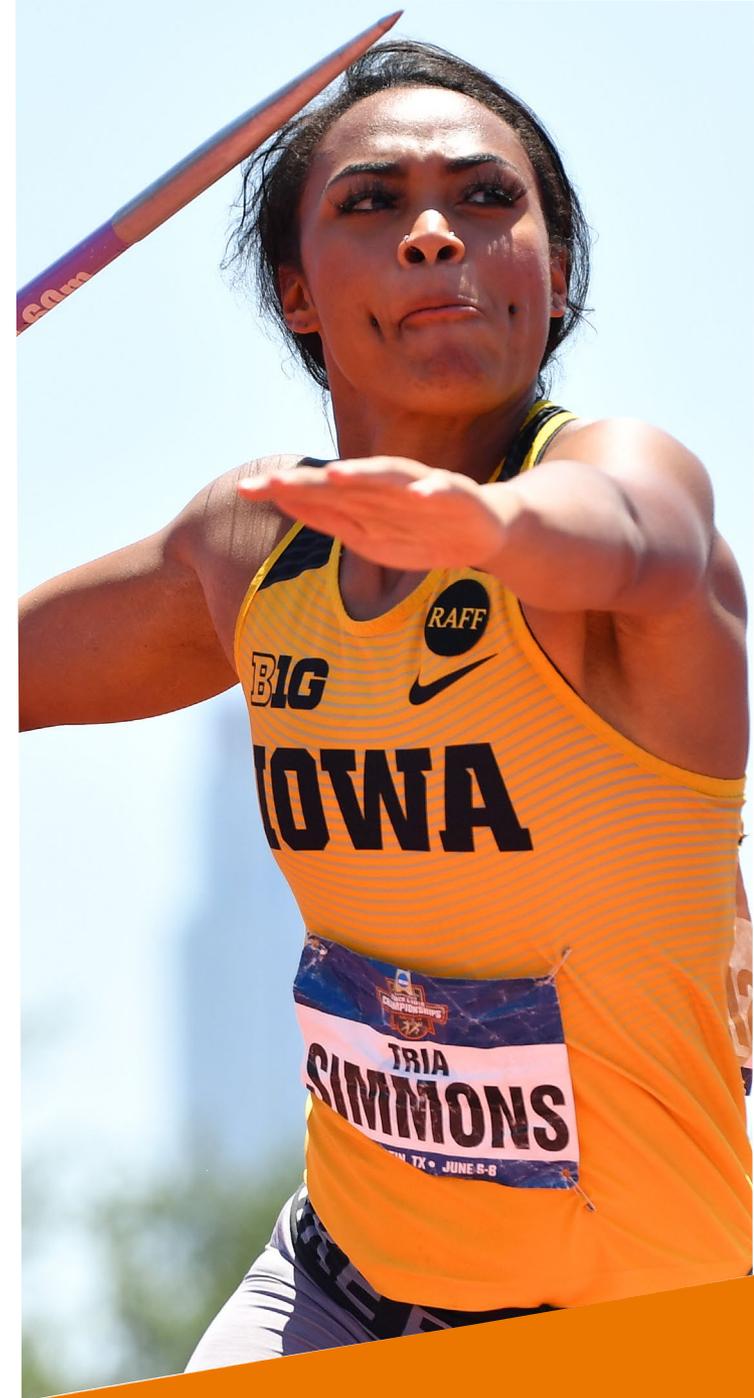
# ***GRADE 9: PLAN***

- ▶ Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.
- ▶ Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](https://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).
- ▶ Sign up for a free Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org) for information on NCAA requirements.



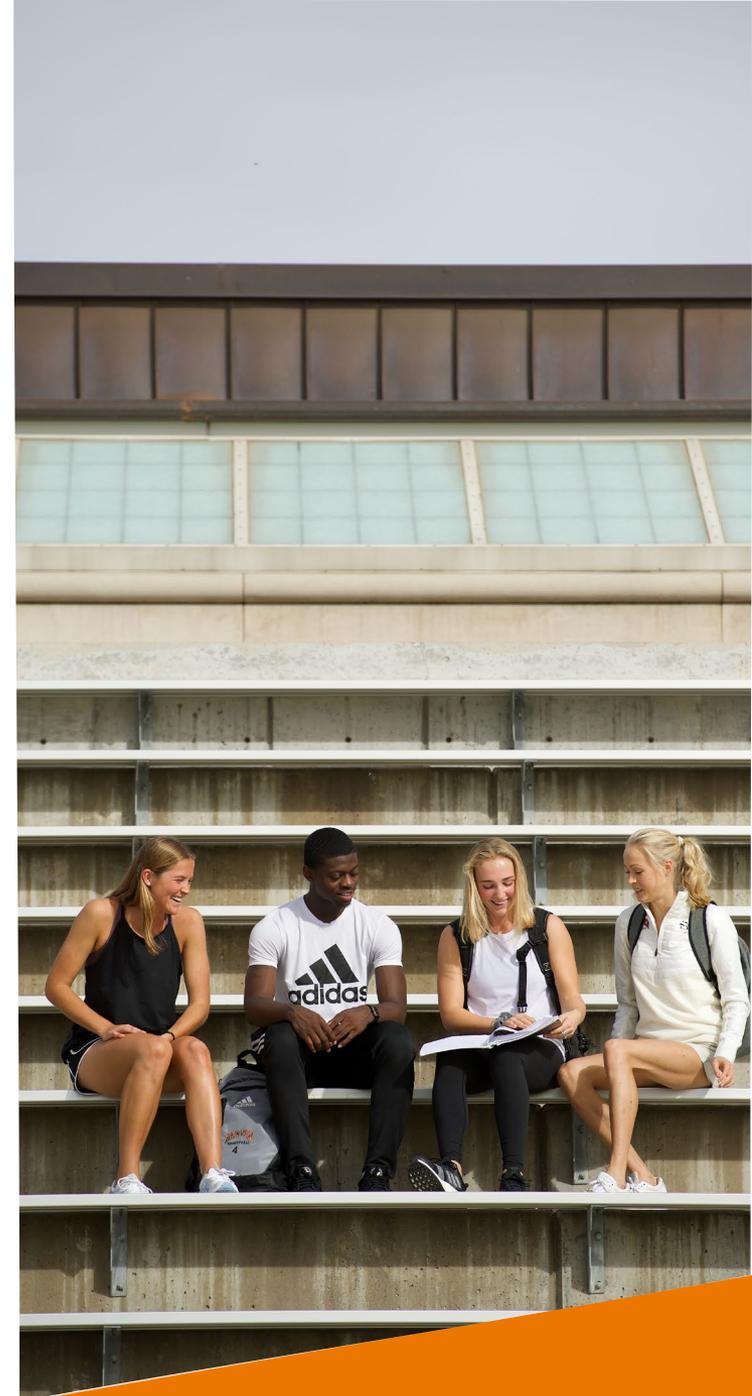
# ***GRADE 10: REGISTER***

- ▶ If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.
- ▶ Register for a Profile Page or Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- ▶ At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.



# ***GRADE 11: REGISTER***

- ▶ Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.
- ▶ Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- ▶ Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- ▶ At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.



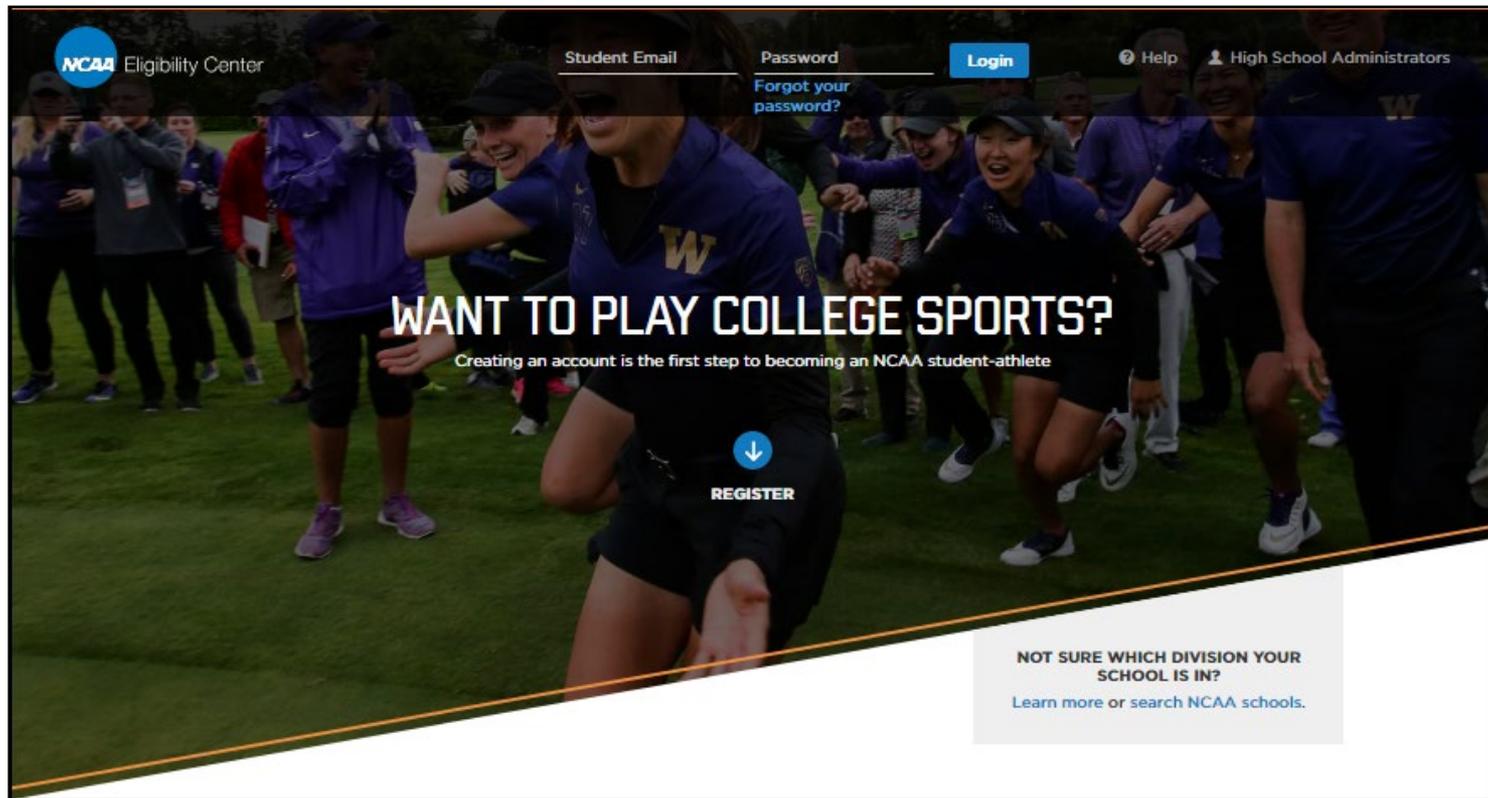
# ***GRADE 12: GRADUATE***

- ▶ Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.
- ▶ Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- ▶ Request your final amateurism certification in your Certification Account at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
  - ▶ April 1 (fall enrollees).
  - ▶ Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees).
- ▶ After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.
- ▶ *Reminder:* Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.



# ***ELIGIBILITY CENTER REGISTRATION***

- ▶ You can register for a Certification Account or Profile Page at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org) to begin the process to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.



The image is a screenshot of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. At the top left, the NCAA logo is followed by the text "Eligibility Center". In the top center, there are input fields for "Student Email" and "Password", with a "Forgot your password?" link below the password field. To the right of these fields is a blue "Login" button. Further right are links for "Help" and "High School Administrators". The main content area features a background image of a group of female athletes in purple and black uniforms celebrating on a field. Overlaid on this image is the text "WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?" in large white letters, followed by the subtitle "Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete". Below this text is a blue downward-pointing arrow icon and the word "REGISTER" in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a white box containing the text "NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?" and a link "Learn more or search NCAA schools."

# ***TWO ACCOUNT TYPES***

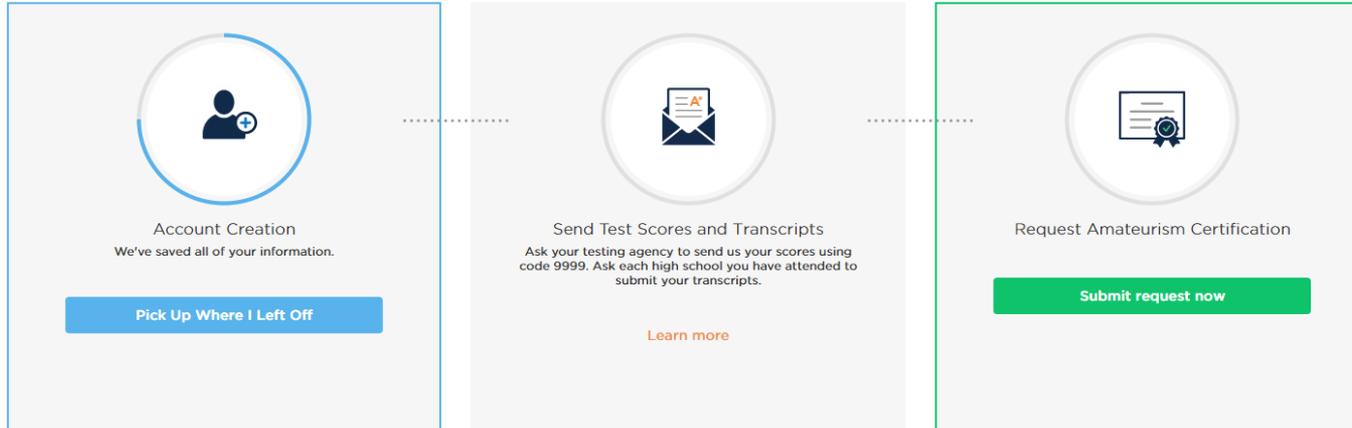
## ▶ Certification Account

- ▶ Division I or Division II students.
- ▶ Domestic fee \$90.
- ▶ International fee \$150.
- ▶ Account information, school and sports history.
- ▶ Required for signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a Division I or Division II NCAA school.
- ▶ Required to go on an official visit to a Division I or Division II NCAA school.

## ▶ Profile Page

- ▶ Undecided students.
- ▶ Division III students.
- ▶ No fee.
- ▶ Account information and school history.
- ▶ Can transition to a Certification Account at any time.
- ▶ Will not receive an academic or amateurism certification.

## CERTIFICATION PROCESS



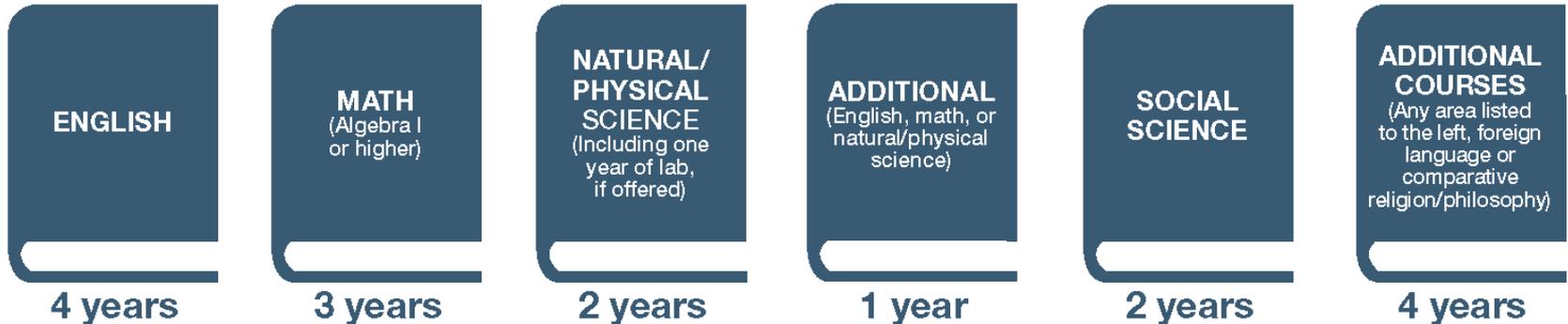
- ▶ Review your Dashboard for open tasks.
- ▶ Update your graduation or enrollment dates if needed.
- ▶ Review your combined SAT or ACT sum test scores.
- ▶ View your transcripts on file.
- ▶ Edit your account, schools or sports information.



# ***INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS***

**The NCAA's commitment to academics ensures students are better equipped to succeed in college and prepare for lifelong success. Students need to meet the following academic requirements to be eligible to compete in college sports.**

# ***WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?***



- ▶ NCAA core courses include courses that:
  - ▶ Qualify for high school graduation in English, mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy.
  - ▶ Are considered four-year college preparatory.
  - ▶ Are taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
  - ▶ Are taught by a qualified instructor.



Find your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses by going to [eligibilitycenter.org/courselist](https://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).



## ***WHAT IS A NONTRADITIONAL COURSE?***

- ▶ Course taught through:
  - ▶ The internet (online or virtual).
  - ▶ Distance learning.
  - ▶ Independent study.
  - ▶ Individualized instruction.
  - ▶ Correspondence.
  - ▶ Computer software programs.
  - ▶ Other similar means.



Taking online or virtual nontraditional courses does not necessarily mean you are home-schooled. Review our [Home School Toolkit](#) for questions about home schooling.

# ***THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE TAKING NONTRADITIONAL COURSES***

- ▶ The courses must meet NCAA core course requirements and be on an NCAA-approved core-course list.
- ▶ The courses must have ongoing and regular teacher-initiated interaction for the purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance throughout the duration of the course.
  - ▶ This may include synchronous or asynchronous instructive interaction, including emails, video conferencing, online chats, phone calls and feedback on assessments.
- ▶ The courses must have a defined time period for completion.
  - ▶ This means the nontraditional program must identify the fastest and slowest paths to successfully complete a course (i.e., maximum and minimum time frame for completion).

# DIVISION I: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ To play Division I sports, you need to meet the following academic requirements:
  - ▶ Graduate high school on time.
  - ▶ Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses in the correct subjects.
  - ▶ Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
  - ▶ Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale.

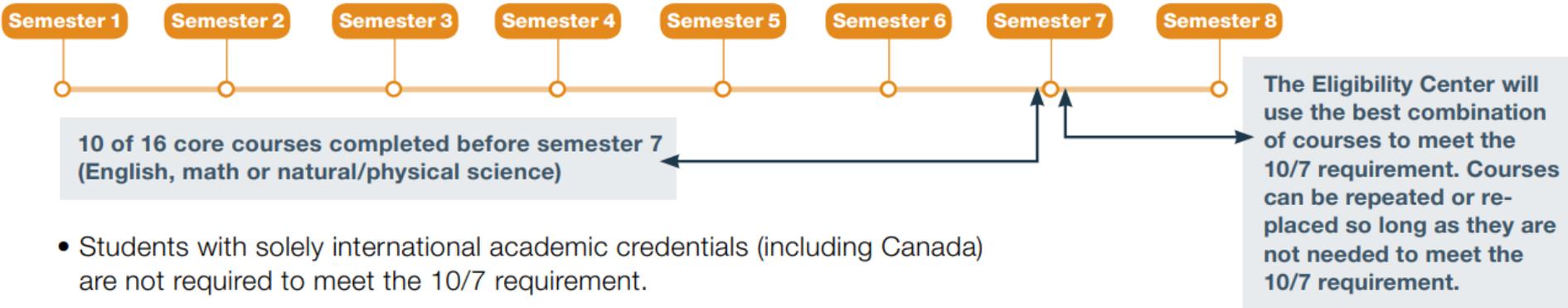
DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
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3.450	460	41
3.425	470	41
3.400	490	42
3.375	500	42
3.350	520	43
3.325	530	44
3.300	550	44
3.275	560	45
3.250	580	46
3.225	590	46
3.200	600	47
3.175	620	47
3.150	630	48
3.125	650	49
3.100	660	49
3.075	680	50
3.050	690	50
3.025	710	51
3.000	720	52
2.975	730	52
2.950	740	53
2.925	750	53
2.900	750	54
2.875	760	55
2.850	770	56
2.825	780	56
2.800	790	57
2.775	800	58

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
2.750	810	59
2.725	820	60
2.700	830	61
2.675	840	61
2.650	850	62
2.625	860	63
2.600	860	64
2.575	870	65
2.550	880	66
2.525	890	67
2.500	900	68
2.475	910	69
2.450	920	70
2.425	930	70
2.400	940	71
2.375	950	72
2.350	960	73
2.325	970	74
2.300	980	75
2.299	990	76
2.275	990	76
2.250	1000	77
2.225	1010	78
2.200	1020	79
2.175	1030	80
2.150	1040	81
2.125	1050	82
2.100	1060	83
2.075	1070	84
2.050	1080	85
2.025	1090	86
2.000	1100	86

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

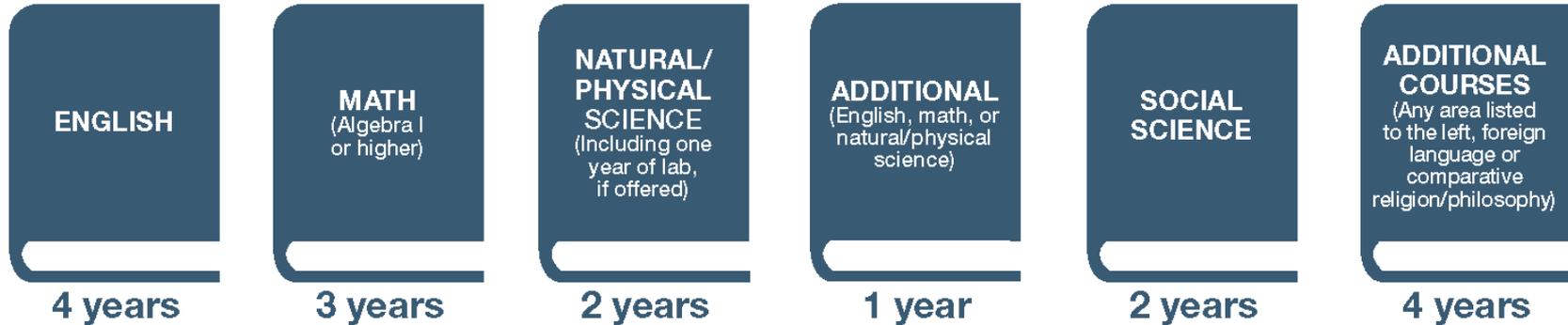
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# ***DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION***



- ▶ When you enter ninth grade, you have four years (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirement.
- ▶ If you do not complete high school on time, your core courses taken after high school will not count toward NCAA requirements.
- ▶ *On time:* If your high school graduation takes place June 1, you must graduate June 1. If you do not graduate June 1, you have not completed your requirements on time.

# ***DIVISION I: CORE COURSES***



- ▶ The following must be completed by the start of your seventh semester in high school:
  - ▶ 10 NCAA-approved core courses from your school's list in the appropriate subjects.
  - ▶ Seven of the 10 courses must be in English, math or science.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement: **4 X 4 = 16**

9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	10 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
(1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional	(1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional	(1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional	(1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional
<b>4 CORE COURSES</b>	<b>4 CORE COURSES</b>	<b>4 CORE COURSES</b>	<b>4 CORE COURSES</b>

# ***DIVISION I: TEST SCORES***

- ▶ You may take the SAT or ACT as many times as you wish.
- ▶ Use code 9999 when registering to send scores directly to the EC.
- ▶ We will use your best score to certify you:
  - ▶ SAT combined score.
  - ▶ ACT sum score.
- ▶ Your test score(s) and GPA will be matched on our sliding scales.

	Test Score		
	Math	Verbal	Total
SAT (10/19)	350	470	820
SAT (12/19)	420	440	860
Scores Used	420	470	890

# ***DIVISION I: ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS***

- ▶ In performing an academic certification, there are four possible academic outcomes for student-athletes:
  - ▶ Early Academic Qualifier.
  - ▶ Qualifier.
  - ▶ Academic Redshirt.
  - ▶ Nonqualifier.



# ***DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER***

- ▶ If you meet specific criteria after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of enrollment.
- ▶ To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:
  - ▶ Minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 900 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 or 980 if SAT taken March 2016 or later or minimum ACT sum score of 75.
  - ▶ A core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:
    - Three years of English.
    - Two years of math.
    - Two years of science.
    - Two additional years of English, math or natural/physical science.
    - Five additional core courses in any area.

# ***DIVISION I: QUALIFIER***

- ▶ DI qualifiers are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment.
- ▶ Qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - ▶ 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - ▶ 10/7 core-course progression.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the sliding scale.

# ***DIVISION I: REDSHIRT***

- ▶ DI redshirts are eligible to practice and receive athletics aid in their first academic term but cannot compete.
- ▶ They must pass nine semester hours (eight quarter hours) their first academic term to continue practicing the rest of the year.
- ▶ Redshirts meet the standards of:
  - ▶ 16 core courses.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.000 to 2.299.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the sliding scale.
  - ▶ They may use courses that were retaken during their senior year if they failed to meet the required 10 core course before their senior year.

# ***DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER***

- ▶ DI nonqualifiers are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid their first year.



# DIVISION II: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

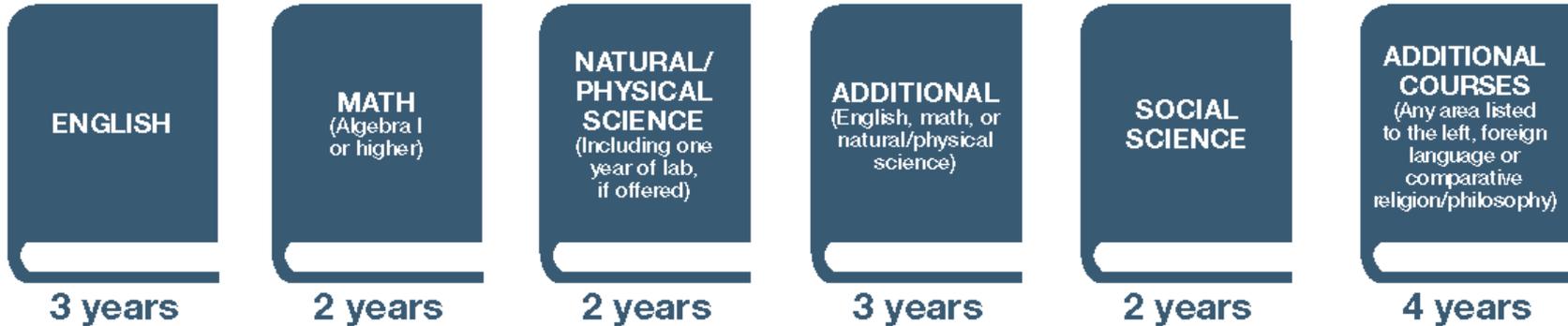
DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.300 & above	400	37
3.275	410	38
3.250	430	39
3.225	440	40
3.200	460	41
3.175	470	41
3.150	490	42
3.125	500	42
3.100	520	43
3.075	530	44
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2.400	850	62
2.375	860	63
2.350	860	64
2.325	870	65
2.300	880	66
2.275	890	67
2.250	900	68
2.225	910	69
2.200	920	70 & above

DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.050 & above	400	37
3.025	410	38
3.000	430	39
2.975	440	40
2.950	460	41
2.925	470	41
2.900	490	42
2.875	500	42
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2.200	830	61
2.175	840	61
2.150	850	62
2.125	860	63
2.100	860	64
2.075	870	65
2.050	880	66
2.025	890	67
2.000	900	68 & above

- ▶ To play Division II sports you need to meet the following academic requirements:
  - ▶ Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses with the correct subject distribution.
  - ▶ Graduate high school on time.
  - ▶ Earn a minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
  - ▶ Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the full-qualifier scale.

\*Full sliding scale research between the new SAT and ACT is ongoing.

# ***DIVISION II: CORE COURSES***



- ▶ Core-course requirements must be met in the time limitation:
  - ▶ You can use all core courses completed starting your ninth-grade year until you enroll full time at a Division II college or university.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement: **4 X 4 = 16**

<b>9TH GRADE</b> (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional <b>4 CORE COURSES</b>	<b>10TH GRADE</b> (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional <b>4 CORE COURSES</b>	<b>11TH GRADE</b> (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional <b>4 CORE COURSES</b>	<b>12TH GRADE</b> (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional <b>4 CORE COURSES</b>
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# ***DIVISION II: TEST SCORES***

- ▶ You may take the SAT or ACT as many times as you wish.
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  - ▶ ACT sum score.
- ▶ Your test score(s) and GPA will be matched on our sliding scales.

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You will need to review the Division I or II Quick Reference Sheet to match your test score(s) to the required GPA.

Learn more at [ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/test-scores](https://ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/test-scores).

# ***DIVISION II: ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS***

- ▶ In performing an academic certification, there are four possible academic outcomes for student-athletes:
  - ▶ Early Academic Qualifier.
  - ▶ Qualifier.
  - ▶ Partial Qualifier.
  - ▶ Nonqualifier.



# ***DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER***

- ▶ If you meet specific criteria listed below after six semesters, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship.
- ▶ To be an early academic qualifier, you will need:
  - ▶ Minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT or a minimum SAT combined score (math and critical reading) of 820 on SAT tests taken before March 2016 or 900 if SAT taken March 2016.
  - ▶ A core-course GPA of 2.5 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses in the following areas:
    - 3 years of English.
    - 3 years of math.
    - 2 years of natural or physical science.
    - 6 additional core courses in any area.

# ***DIVISION II: QUALIFIER***

- ▶ DII qualifiers are eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid their first year of college enrollment.
- ▶ Qualifiers meet the standards of:
  - ▶ 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.200.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the full-qualifier sliding scale.

<b>DIVISION II FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE</b>		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.300 & above	400	37
3.275	410	38
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3.050	550	44
3.025	560	45
3.000	580	46
2.975	590	46
2.950	600	47

# ***DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER***

- ▶ DII partial qualifiers are eligible to practice and receive athletics aid in their first academic year but cannot compete.
- ▶ Partial qualifiers meet:
  - ▶ 16 core courses in the correct subjects.
  - ▶ Minimum core-course GPA of 2.000.
  - ▶ Combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches their core-course GPA on the partial-qualifier sliding scale.

<b>DIVISION II PARTIAL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE</b>		
Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum*
3.050 & above	400	37
3.025	410	38
3.000	430	39
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2.800	550	44
2.775	560	45
2.750	580	46
2.725	590	46
2.700	600	47

## ***DIVISION II: NONQUALIFIER***

- ▶ Students are not eligible to practice, compete or receive athletics aid their first year.



# ***DIVISION III: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***

- ▶ Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
  - ▶ Admission.
  - ▶ Financial aid.
  - ▶ Practice and competition.
- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
- ▶ Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.



# ***SPORTS PARTICIPATION***

**The NCAA Eligibility Center also evaluates amateurism. Students must follow these tips to stay eligible to compete in college sports before full-time enrollment.**

# ***AMATEURISM***

- ▶ In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:
  - ▶ Contracts with professional teams.
  - ▶ Salary for participating in athletics.
  - ▶ Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
  - ▶ Play with professionals.
  - ▶ Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
  - ▶ Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
  - ▶ Agreement to be represented by an agent.
  - ▶ Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.



If you have questions about actions that could impact your amateurism, contact the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure your actions will not impact future eligibility.

# ***SPORTS PARTICIPATION***

- ▶ When you register with the NCAA Eligibility Center for a Certification Account, you must:
  - ▶ Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.
  - ▶ Complete questions about sports participation.
  - ▶ Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
  - ▶ Request final amateurism certification before you enroll full time at a Division I or Division II school.
- ▶ *Note:* Over **94 percent** of students don't require additional amateurism questions from the NCAA Eligibility Center after they request final amateurism.





## ***PROACTIVE REMINDERS***

- ▶ Share your NCAA ID number with schools recruiting you.
- ▶ Don't forget to apply to the school of your choosing and confirm you've been accepted.
- ▶ Learn about the NLI [here](#).
- ▶ Request final amateurism certification before you enroll full time in college.
- ▶ Ask your counselor to send your final transcript(s) with proof of graduation.



Only students on an NCAA Division I or Division II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.



**RESOURCES**

**For more information about initial eligibility, amateurism requirements and other valuable insight, visit the following resources.**

# RESOURCES

- ▶ Visit our websites:
  - ▶ [ncaa.org/playcollegesports](http://ncaa.org/playcollegesports).
  - ▶ [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).
- ▶ Get updates—follow us
  - ▶ Twitter [@NCAAEC](https://twitter.com/NCAAEC).
  - ▶ Instagram [@playcollegesports](https://www.instagram.com/playcollegesports).
- ▶ Visit [nationalletter.org](http://nationalletter.org) to learn about the NLI.
- ▶ Download our resources:
  - ▶ Initial-Eligibility Brochure.
  - ▶ Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
  - ▶ DI Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.
  - ▶ DII Initial-Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet.



# ***THANK YOU***

- ▶ Contact the NCAA Eligibility Center:
  - ▶ 317-917-6222.
  - ▶ 877-262-1492.
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