

# SCHOOL TRANSITION SPECIALIST

## Hot Topic: Athletic Scholarships

(Information Guide to Get Started!)

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The military connected student moves an average of every 2-3 years and attends 6-9 schools before graduating. Many of these students are talented athletes. Those living overseas often do not have the visibility as stateside students.

I recently received a request to assist our students when searching for athletic scholarships. The request was to provide a list of college coaches; information that would make student athletes more knowledgeable and informed in order to compete for athletic scholarships.

The following information identifies:

- Academic requirements for student athletes
- List of college/universities that sponsor NCAA sports
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers for athletic contacts by division
- Student-athletic eligibility requirements
- Number of schools that sponsor each sport
- Information about sports' scholarships, athletic scholarships, and other forms of financial aid for student athletic

Special thanks to MCEC ([www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)) for providing assistance in researching information.

Of schools with a NCAA affiliation, only Division I and Division II schools may offer athletic scholarships. Division III schools are precluded from offering athletic scholarships. Schools with other affiliations, such as NAIA, offer athletic scholarships according to the policies of the associations to which they belong.

The types of scholarships that may be offered include scholarships for archery, baseball, basketball scholarships, crew, cross country, fencing, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, rifle scholarships, sailing, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling scholarships.

Athletic scholarships are generally not available for graduate study.

For individual sports scholarships that match your profile, search the [FastWeb scholarship database](#).

### Gender Equity in Athletic Scholarships

Female students should be aware that federal law ([Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC 1681-1688](#)) requires athletic scholarships to be distributed in an equitable fashion among the sexes. Consequently, a considerable amount of financial aid is available for women with athletic ability. The [OPE Equity in Athletics Disclosure Website](#) provides statistical information on men's and women's intercollegiate sports at almost 2,000 US colleges and universities, as mandated by the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act.

## Athletic Scholarship Web Sites

<p><a href="http://www.ncaa.org/library/general/cbsa/2004-05/2004-05_cbsa.pdf">http://www.ncaa.org/library/general/cbsa/2004-05/2004-05_cbsa.pdf</a></p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>The 2004-05 Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete. This guide from the NCAA will help you understand the rules for progressing from being a high school athlete to being a student-athlete in college. A must read for student and guardian. Guide contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Information</li> <li>• Academic Eligibility</li> <li>• ACT/SAT</li> <li>• Information for Parents and Guardians</li> <li>• Questions to Ask when Considering Colleges</li> <li>• Information for Students with Disabilities</li> <li>• Information for Home School student</li> <li>• Details for High School Counselors</li> <li>• Recruiting Regulations</li> <li>• NCAA Student Release Form</li> <li>• Division I and II worksheets</li> </ul>
<p><a href="http://www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships">www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships</a></p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>Web site provides National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) scholarships and Internships for undergraduate athletes by listing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools that sponsor each NCAA sport</li> <li>• Links to school web site</li> </ul> <p>Student-athletic eligibility requirements</p>
<p><a href="http://www.ncaa.org./sponsorships/index.html">www.ncaa.org./sponsorships/index.html</a></p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>Site provides listings of colleges and universities sponsoring each of the sports in which NCAA conducts a championship and sorted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institution name</li> <li>• Division</li> <li>• Conference</li> <li>• Region</li> <li>• # of schools that sponsor each sport</li> </ul> <p>Contains link to database to obtain the names, addresses, and phone numbers</p>

	for athletic contacts at colleges and universities by division.
<p><a href="http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/sports.phtml">www.finaid.org/otheraid/sports.phtml</a>  <a href="#">FinAid About FinAid.htm</a></p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>This site provides information about sports scholarships, athletic scholarships, and other forms of financial aid for student athletes.</p> <p>FinAid does not recommend using <u>scholarship recruiting services for high school athletes</u>, as these are rarely worthwhile.</p> <p>FinAid also recommends instead of paying a fee to a recruiting service put together a profile of your athletic and academic qualifications. Include copies of the best newspaper clippings in which your performance is mentioned, letters of recommendation from your current coaches, and your sport's season schedule. A short 5-10 minute video of your athletic performance may also be helpful. Send copies of this athletic portfolio to the coaches at the schools you are interested in.</p>

**Featured Sites: College Sports**

*Great web resources from students.gov*

**Campus Champs** - Campus Champs gives the student-athlete information on how to find a school, reach out to college coaches, apply for admission, get student aid, improve your game, and increase your chances to succeed, both on the field and in the classroom. <http://www.campuschamps.com>

**A Guide for the College-Bound Athlete (NAIA)** -- The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, a collegiate sports organization for smaller schools, offers great information for student athletes on its website. Learn eligibility and financial assistant rules and find NAIA schools. <http://www.naia.org/local/collegebound.html>

**Students.gov** has many more resources on keeping yourself and your environment healthy. Check them out at Health and Environment section: [http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/SG\\_Ctrl?Topic=1000](http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/SG_Ctrl?Topic=1000)

### **Athletic Associations**

**NAIA. National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics**, 6120 South Yale Avenue, Suite 1450, Tulsa, OK 74136. 1-918-494-8828.

**NCAA. National College Athletic Association**, 6201 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211-2422. 1-913-339-1906.

**NCCAA. National Christian College Athletic Association**, PO Box 1312, Marion, IN 46952. 1-317-674-8401.

**NJCAA. National Junior College Athletic Association**, PO Box 7305, Colorado Springs, CO 80933-7305. 1-719-590-9788.

**NSCAA. National Small College Athletic Association**, 1884 College Heights, New Ulm, MN 56073. 1-507-359-9791.

**AAF. Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles**, 2141 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018. 1-213-730-9600.

**NFSHA. National Federation of State High School Associations**, 11724 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, MO 64153. 1-816-464-5400.

**WSF. Women's Sports Foundation**, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY 11554. 1-800-227-3988.

### **General Resources**

#### **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)**

The NCAA site provides information about the recruiting process, including information about NCAA rules on [academic eligibility and recruitment procedures](#). It also includes information about [NCAA scholarship programs](#) and financial aid for student-athletes, as well as [school-administered athletic scholarships](#). For more information, call 1-913-339-1906.

### **Recruiting Services**

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The number of schools that offer athletic scholarships is rather limited. Most athletic scholarships provide only partial support, and require that the student make satisfactory academic progress for renewal. Coaches can also refuse to renew an athletic scholarship if the student's athletic performance falls short of expectations. If the student quits the team, the athletic scholarship is usually terminated immediately. (Athletic scholarships are not terminated if the student is injured

during competition.)

Schools that offer significant numbers of sports scholarships include:

- Albertson College (ID)
- Baker University (KS)
- Bethel College (KS)
- Brescia University (KY)
- Briar Cliff University (IA)
- Centenary College of Louisiana (LA)
- Concordia University (NE)
- Dana College (NE)
- Erskine College (SC)
- Hannibal-LaGrange College (MO)
- Holy Names University (CA)
- McPherson College (KS)
- Michigan State University (MI)
- Midland Lutheran College (NE)
- Missouri Baptist College (MO)
- Morningside College (IA)
- Newman University (KS)
- North Greenville College (SC)
- Pikeville College (KY)
- Regent University (VA)
- St. Vincent College (PA)
- Tabor College (KS)
- Talladega College (AL)
- Tri-State University (IN)
- University of Mary (ND)
- Walsh University (OH)
- Warner Southern College (FL)
- Webber International University (FL)
- Wingate University (NC)

### Sports Scholarship Sites

The following web sites are associated with sponsors of non-college-controlled sport scholarships:

- [Balance Bar Company Athletic Scholarships](#)
- [Chevrolet's Michelle Kwan Rewards Scholarship](#)
- [Michigan High School Athletic Association](#)
- [National Strength and Conditioning Association \(NSCA\)](#)
- [Nike's Casey Martin Award](#)
- [Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Scholarships \(SAMMY\)](#)
- [Secret Sportsgirl of the Year](#)
- [Speedo Swimmer of the Quarter Awards](#) (from US Synchronized Swimming)
- [Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme \(TASS\)](#), Department of Culture, Media & Sport, UK.
- [US Soccer Foundation Grants](#)
- [Women's Sports Foundation](#)
- [Women's Western Golf Association Scholarships](#)

In addition, the [Adaptive Athletics Scholarships](#) is noteworthy in that it provides support to disabled athletes. This scholarship is tenable only at the University of Arizona.

### Books

The following is a list of books focusing on athletic scholarships. Some describe the recruiting process, some list schools that provide sports scholarships and some do both. For further reading, be sure to check the [FinAid bibliography](#). Check the copyright date before buying any book about scholarships, as any book that is more than one year old is too old to be useful.

1. Laurie Blum, Free Money for Athletic Scholarships, Collier Books, MacMillan Publishing Company, 1993. ISBN 0-80502-660-6 (\$14.95).
2. Don Campbell, The Sports Scholarship Handbook: The Athlete's Guide to Beating the High Cost of College, Lulu Press, Inc., July 2004. ISBN 1-41160-953-0 (\$24.98). 176 pages.
3. Andy Clark and Amy Clark, Athletic Scholarships: Thousands of Grants and Over \$400

- Million for College-Bound Athletes, 4th Edition, Facts on File, July 2000. ISBN 0-81604-309-4 paper (\$14.95). 338 pages.
4. Keith R. Fossey, The football scholarship guide, Pigskin Press, Kenosha, WI, 1993. ISBN 0-96334-950-3 (\$24.95). 308 pages.
  5. Penny Hastings and Todd D. Caven, [How to Win a Sports Scholarship](#), First Base Sports, 2nd edition, 1999. ISBN 1-88430-910-0 (\$19.95). 246 pages.
  6. William Kirchhoff, How to Win a Soccer Scholarship Worth Thousands, Authorhouse, October 1, 2002. ISBN 1-40333-281-9 (\$11.45). 108 pages.
  7. Michael D. Koehler, Advising Student Athletes Through the College Recruitment Process: A Complete Guide for Counselors, Coaches and Parents, Prentice Hall, March 1, 1996. ISBN 0-13541-343-5 (\$32.50). 288 pages.
  8. Robert J. Lullo, Prospect Gold: A Guide To Athletic Recruiting and Scholarships, Express Publishing, October 2003. ISBN 0-97463-810-2 (\$24.95). 112 pages.
  9. Wayne Mazzoni, The Athletic Recruiting & Scholarship Guide, Mazz Marketing Inc., 1998. ISBN 0-96635-570-9 (\$19.95). 111 pages.
  10. Kim McQuilken, The Road to Athletic Scholarship, New York University Press, 1996. ISBN 0-8147-5546-1 (\$12.95).
  11. Whitney Minnis, How to Get an Athletic Scholarship: A Student-Athlete's Guide to Collegiate Athletics, ASI Publishing, December 1, 1995. ISBN 0-96451-530-X. 104 pages.
  12. Robert L. Scott, Athletic Recruiting & College Scholarship Guide: How To Market Your Student Athlete, HTMYSA, June 2003. ISBN 0-97129-511-5 (\$24.95). 168 pages.
  13. Chris Tenkin, Winning a Sports Scholarship, Barricade Books, 1996. ISBN 1-56980-078-2 (\$12.00).
  14. Ron Walker, Peterson's Sports Scholarships and College Athletic Programs 1996, 5th edition, Peterson's Guides, August 1, 2004. ISBN 0-76891-524-4 (\$26.95). 613 pages.
  15. Dion Wheeler, A Parent's and Student Athlete's Guide to Athletic Scholarships: Getting Money Without Being Taken for a (Full) Ride, McGraw-Hill, 2000. ISBN 0-80922-443-7 (\$16.95). 464 pages.

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