

Financial Aid Information

Athletic scholarships are awarded by NCAA Divisions I and II institutions. Division III institutions do not award financial aid based on athletics ability, but you may be eligible to receive academic scholarships or need-based financial aid. It is important to understand several points about athletics scholarships. (Note: The information below is a summary and does not include all Divisions I and II financial aid rules. Contact your college or university to get more detailed information about NCAA financial aid rules.)

- Athletics scholarships in Divisions I and II are given initially for up to one year. They may be renewed annually for a maximum of five years within a six-year period of continuous college attendance if you fulfill NCAA requirements. But please keep in mind that your athletics aid can be cancelled or reduced at the end of one year.
- Athletics scholarships can be renewed, reduced, increased or canceled from year to year for almost any reason. If your scholarship is going to be reduced or cancelled at any time, your college or university must first provide you with an opportunity to appeal that decision.
- Athletics scholarships are awarded in a variety of amounts, ranging from full scholarships (including tuition, fees, room, board and books) to very small scholarships that, for example, provide only required course-related books.
- You must report all scholarships you receive to your college financial aid office. The total amount of financial aid a student-athlete can receive and the total amount of athletics aid a team can award may be limited. These limits can affect whether a student-athlete may accept additional financial aid from other sources. Ask financial aid officials at the college or university about other financial aid you may be eligible to receive and about the impact of that aid on athletics aid limits.

An athletic scholarship is a tremendous benefit to most families, but you should have a plan to pay for those college costs not covered by a scholarship (i.e., travel between home and school). You should also consider how you will finance your education if your athletics scholarship is reduced or canceled.