The NCAA awards up to 174 postgraduate scholarships annually. The scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. The one-time non-renewable scholarships of $7,500 are awarded three times a year corresponding to each sport season (fall, winter and spring). Each sports season there are 29 scholarships available for men and 29 scholarships available for women for use in an accredited graduate program.

Minimum qualifications include:

- The student-athlete must have an overall undergraduate minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.200 on a 4.000 scale.

- The student-athlete must be in at least his or her final season of athletics eligibility for the sport they are nominated or will no longer be utilizing any remaining athletics eligibility.

- Have performed with distinction as a varsity team member in the sport in which the student-athlete is being nominated. The degree of the student-athlete's athletics achievement will be weighed in conjunction with academic performance, institutional involvement and volunteer community service. In particular, nominators and individuals submitting recommendations should note participation in activities in which the student-athlete serves as an example to other students and demonstrates leadership qualities.

- The student-athlete must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree and enroll in a graduate degree program on a part- or full-time basis at an academically accredited graduate or degree-granting professional school.

- Are outstanding citizens and excellent role models for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole.

- An institution may nominate a total of five male and five female student-athletes each sports season.

Please note the nomination process must be initiated by the FAR.

Important 2016-17 calendar dates include:

Fall sports nomination deadline: January 27, 2017, by 5 p.m. EST

Winter sports nomination deadline: March 31, 2017, by 5 p.m. EST

Spring sports nomination deadline: June 9, 2017, by 5 p.m. EST