

# 2020-21 NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.ncaa.org/ncaa-postgraduate-scholarship-program>

The NCAA awards up to 126 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 \$10,000 are awarded three times a year corresponding to each sport season (fall, winter and spring). Each sports season there are 21 scholarships available for men and 21 scholarships available for women for use in an accredited graduate program

All former student-athletes who earned an undergraduate degree from an NCAA member school are eligible to be nominated for an NCAA graduate degree scholarship, regardless of when they received their undergraduate degree.

Nomination is submitted by the faculty athletics representative (FAR) or by a FAR designee. System-generated emails will be sent to the student-athlete to notify him or her they have been nominated. Recommendation emails are generated after the student-athlete submits their application section.

## Minimum qualifications include:

- Must be in final season of NCAA athletics eligibility or must have completed athletic eligibility,
- Must be in final year of undergraduate academic work or received an undergraduate degree.
- Have an overall undergraduate minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 including all undergrad hours earned at all undergrad institutions attended. The GPA may not include any graduate-level hours.
- Have performed with distinction as a varsity team member. 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.
- Must enroll in a graduate degree granting program on a part- or full-time basis at an academically accredited graduate or degree-granting professional school.
- Must be enrolled in a graduate degree granting program within one-year after the academic year the scholarship was awarded. All funds must be used within the same academic year.
- The scholarship cannot be used to fund any undergraduate work.
- Are outstanding citizens and excellent role models for the institution and intercollegiate athletics as a whole.

## Application Sections

1. FAR nomination.
2. Student-athlete section: To be completed by the nominee; which includes a formal personal statement.
3. Transcript(s): Applicants must upload **official** transcripts to complete the application. Official transcripts can be scanned and uploaded to the system as a .pdf document. You must upload all transcripts at one time. Transcripts must reflect ALL undergraduate work. [NOTE: An electronic transcript is not needed to meet this requirement.]
4. Letters of Recommendation:
  - a. FAR or FAR Designee.
  - b. Coach or someone in the position to judge the student-athletes' contribution to intercollegiate athletics.
  - c. Someone in the position to speak to his or her community service and leadership.
  - d. A professor teaching in the discipline of the student-athletes' baccalaureate degree.
  - e. The endorsements tab will appear after an applicant has listed each endorser's information (name and email address) and after the applicant has submitted his or her application. The endorser will receive an automated email upon application submission only. The endorser's email address provided by the applicant must be used to log in to Program Hub to endorse. This is the email address to which the notification was received.

## 2019-20 Deadlines:

**Fall Sports:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Winter Sports:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**Spring Sports:** June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021