The Walter Byers Scholarship Program provides one male and one female student-athlete a $24,000 postgraduate scholarship in recognition of outstanding undergraduate achievement and potential for success in postgraduate study and their chosen careers. The scholarship may be renewed for a second year.

To be eligible for consideration, nominees shall:

1. Have an overall undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 3.500 or better
2. Have competed in intercollegiate athletics as a member of a varsity team at an NCAA member institution
3. Be a graduating senior or be enrolled in graduate study at an NCAA member institution;
4. Have intentions of applying for admission into a graduate degree program at a properly accredited, nonprofit educational institution or into a post-baccalaureate professional degree program at a professionally accredited law school, medical school or the equivalent, without restriction as to the national site of the institution
5. Be committed to work on a full-time basis toward a graduate degree or toward a post-baccalaureate professional degree
6. Have evidenced superior character and leadership
7. Have demonstrated that participation in athletics and community service has been a positive influence on the nominee’s personal and intellectual development
8. Enroll into a graduate degree program within five years of being named a Byers Scholar
9. United States citizenship is not a required criterion to satisfy eligibility requirements

Application deadline January 9th, 2024 at 5:00PM EST
March 2024: Finalists notified - April 29-30, 2024: In-person interviews in Indianapolis

The Jim McKay Scholarship Program provides for one male and one female student-athlete to receive a $10,000 postgraduate scholarship in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and while McKay scholars do not need a major in communications or journalism, they should demonstrate achievement in sport communication, public relations or at least show an interest in contributing to the field.

1. Have an overall undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 3.500 or better
2. Are in your final season of NCAA athletics eligibility or will not be using remaining eligibility
3. Be enrolled in graduate study at an NCAA member institution or be a graduating senior committed to enrolling in a graduate degree program within five years of being named a McKay Scholar
4. Demonstrate efforts in the communication field or have an interest beyond their major to make a contribution to sports communication
5. Ascribe to the highest levels of integrity, including the principles of truthfulness, accuracy, objectivity, impartiality, fairness and public accountability
6. Have evidenced superior character and leadership
7. Have an understanding and appreciation for the legacy of Jim McKay, his contributions to sport broadcasting and specifically his award-winning oratory on the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich

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