

How We Support College Athletes

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Financial Assistance

► NCAA schools **award nearly \$3.5 billion in athletics scholarships** every year to more than 180,000 student-athletes, and **many of those scholarships are guaranteed regardless of athletic performance or injury.**

► Many NCAA Division I schools **offer cost of attendance** so student-athletes can receive funds to help with additional college costs not covered by a scholarship.



► The NCAA finances a Student Assistance Fund of more than \$87 million to **help Division I athletes with essential needs**, from flying home for a family emergency to buying a winter coat.

Student-Athlete Voice

► Student-athletes lead in every division through **advisory committees** at the campus, conference and national levels.

► Student-athletes in all divisions serve and vote on **NCAA committees.**

► Leadership programs help student-athletes **find their voices** and enact change.



Wellness and Insurance



research and training on concussions, overuse injuries, drug testing, mental health, sexual assault and more.

► The NCAA Sport Science Institute **promotes health and safety** through

► The NCAA **funds an insurance policy** covering all college athletes who experience catastrophic injuries while playing or practicing their sport — providing up to \$20 million in lifetime insurance benefits.



► To support the nutritional needs of student-athletes, Divisions I and II schools can **provide unlimited meals.** Some schools have nutritionists and other health professionals to work with players.



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Opportunities and Experiences

► Each year, the NCAA funds **90 championships in 24 sports**, including paying for almost 14 million miles of travel to get athletes to the competitions.

► More than **90%** of former student-athletes surveyed 10 years after finishing their eligibility **reported they were satisfied** with their overall college experience.



Academic Services

► NCAA schools **help student-athletes succeed in the classroom** by providing state-of-the-art technology, tutoring and access to academic advisors.



► Resulting from academic reforms, more than **17,500** former college athletes in Division I have **returned to campus to complete their degrees** since 2004. The NCAA also offers a degree-completion program, and schools can fund additional scholarships to help former athletes graduate.

► Student-athletes are graduating at rates higher than the student body, and in Division I, more than 8 in 10 student-athletes **are earning bachelor's degrees**, their highest rate ever.



Personal and Professional Development



► The NCAA **offers education and training programs**, such as the Student-Athlete Leadership Forum and Career in Sports Forum, which are designed to enhance the well-being and personal development of college athletes.



► The NCAA After the Game Career Center **connects former student-athletes** with career-seeking advice and job postings for various industries and levels of experience.

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