



APPLICATION FOR RECLASSIFICATION FROM NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION
TO FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

**MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1
WITH APPLICATION FEE AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.**

Institutions are required to download and complete this form, submit the application fee,
and provide supporting materials to staff no later than June 1, 2025.

1. Institution name: _____

2. Chancellor or President:
Name: _____
Telephone: ____/_____
Email address: _____

3. Faculty Athletics Representative:
Name: _____
Telephone: ____/_____
Email address: _____

4. Director of Athletics:
Name: _____
Telephone: ____/_____
Email address: _____

5. Senior Woman Administrator:
Name _____
Title: _____
Telephone: ____/_____
Email address: _____

6. Senior Compliance Administrator:
Name _____
Title: _____
Telephone: ____/_____
Email address: _____

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7. Describe the process and the individuals involved that your institution used to determine your institution's decision to apply for FBS membership (e.g., feasibility study, interest study). Please attach as a pdf.
8. Total full-time undergraduate enrollment for current semester or term (not including extension or evening students): _____ (men: _____; women: _____).
9. Indicate your institution's classification: Public Private
10. List the years of active membership in FCS? _____
11. List the FBS conference in which your institution has received a bonafide invitation to become a member and the sports in which you will compete in that conference:
- Conference: _____
- Men: _____
- Women: _____
12. List other conferences in which your institution is an affiliate member and the sports in which you will compete in that conference:
- Conference(s): _____
- Men: _____
- Women: _____
13. List the sports your institution will be using to meet the 16-sport minimum sports sponsorship requirement.

Varsity Sport	Men's Team	Women's Team	Mixed Team
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13. **All those below who are signees of this application hereby attest to the acceptance of the ineligibility of their teams and their individual athletes for Division I championships until the conclusion of the reclassifying period. Further they attest to providing education of all current and prospective student-athletes of this status throughout the reclassification process.**

**This application is made in good faith, with full knowledge and acceptance of Bylaw 20.01.4
“Obligation to Meet Division Criteria.”**

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Note: All individuals listed on page no. 1 must sign below.

Signed _____ (Date)
(Chancellor or President)

Signed _____ (Date)
(Faculty Athletics Representative)

Signed _____ (Date)
(Director of Athletics)

Signed _____ (Date)
(Senior Woman Administrator)

Signed _____ (Date)
(Senior Compliance Administrator)

THIS FORM, MUST BE DOWLOADED, COMPLETED, AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO STAFF NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2025.

THE FULL APPLICATION FEE OF \$5,000,000 (TO BE PAID THROUGH ELECTRONIC TRANSFER). TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO INSTITUTION'S ATHLETICS DIRECTOR AND MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NATIONAL OFFICE NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1.

COMPLETION OF THIS APPLICATION IN NO WAY IMPLIES OR ENSURES APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP.

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO KRIS RICHARDSON KRICHARDSON@NCAA.ORG.

Supporting Materials
(Updated for 2025-2026 academic year)

The following questions and supporting materials must be provided to NCAA staff no later than June 1 of the year the institution makes its application to begin the reclassification process to move from Division I FCS to FBS.

****Please answer all questions. Do NOT provide links for additional information.****

Institutional Profile.

1. Institution's web address.
2. Does the institution have any intentions of transitioning to/from not-for profit?
3. Provide a breakdown of gender and race/ethnicity for your student body and student-athletes.
4. Name of institution's governing body (e.g., board of trustees).
5. Provide the institution's organizational chart.

Athletics Profile.

1. Provide a letter from the conference confirming the sponsorship of your FBS application.
2. Provide the athletics department's current organizational chart.
3. Provide the department of athletics' strategic plan.
4. (Chart attached to e-mail) Use the attached chart to provide information regarding all administrative, coaching, support and compliance staff, departmental liaisons between athletics, financial aid, admissions and registrar's office and other offices or individuals performing compliance related duties.
5. How many sports does the institution sponsor at the varsity level?
6. Does the institution plan to add or drop sports? Please explain.
7. Is your institution involved in a rules violation investigation, an infractions case, or on probation? If yes, provide an explanation.
8. Provide a copy of all institutional violations that occurred during the past academic year.

Academic Profile.

1. Provide your most recent four-year rolling student body graduation rate as reported in the IPEDS-GSR.
2. Provide your most recent four-year rolling student-athlete graduation rate.
3. Describe your institution's educational efforts, specifically with academic support personnel who are employed outside of athletics, that work with student-athletes.
4. Provide your institution's most recent NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) report (if your institution sponsored a Division I sport(s)).
5. Explain how your institution would address any APR issues that may arise.
6. Identify any teams that have been subject to APR penalties in the past or those that are anticipated from the current year (if applicable).
7. Provide any APR (if applicable) or other academic improvement plans developed or implemented during the previous academic year.

Finances and Funding Profile.

1. What is the institution's overall operating budget?
2. What is the current operating budget for the department of athletics? Include your institution's department of athletics projected budget for the reclassification period.
3. Are all revenues and expenditures for the institution's department of athletics under the clear control of the institution? Please describe the oversight process.
4. Is the athletics program responsible for generating income through fundraising activities? If yes, describe the program's fundraising activities/approval process for fundraising activities.
5. Provide a chart that includes fundraising, scholarships, and operating budgets broken out by team for the past academic year and the projections for the reclassification period.
6. Provide a detailed list of revenues and expenses for the department of athletics.
7. How does the institution intend maintain the minimum athletics financial commitment for FBS (i.e., 210 equivalencies/6 million dollars)?

Student-Athlete Well-Being.

1. Describe the program your institution has in place for student-athlete development.
2. Does your institution have a mechanism to evaluate the treatment of student-athletes (e.g., exit interviews, surveys)? If yes, please describe. Also include a description of what is done with the information received from student-athletes.
3. Describe your institutions academic/disability support services for student-athletes (e.g., tutors, study hall, students with disabilities accommodations, grievance polices, etc.).
4. Describe the staffing changes that have been or will be made to account for a move to FBS (e.g., enhancements to rules compliance, academic support, athletic training, life skills).
5. Describe how your institution is meeting the career counseling and life skills programming requirements in each of the following areas:
 - Mental health;
 - Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging;
 - Sexual violence prevention;
 - Education on transfer requirements;
 - Strength and conditioning;
 - Nutrition;
 - Financial literacy; and
 - Name, image, and likeness.
6. Describe how your institution is meeting the Consensus-Based Care, Education and Services Model.
7. Describe how your institution is educating student-athletes on post-eligibility insurance.

Facilities Profile.

(Chart attached to this e-mail). Use the attached chart to provide information regarding the institution's athletics facilities.

In the section below, please describe any planned facilities in detail including the: (1) Budgeting; (2) Financing; and (3) Scheduled completion dates for each planned facility.

Planned Facility	Budgeting	Financing	Scheduled Completion Dates