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Student athletes should check their eligibility

Students who plan to play intercollegiate sports must make sure they're eligible. The requirements differ depending on the college's affiliation: The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

The following information is a general guide. For more detailed information, visit www.ncaa.org, www.naia.org or www.njcaa.org.

NCAA

The NCAA has three divisions, and requirements differ by division.

Athletes attending a Division I or Division II school must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. At that site students and their high schools can establish whether they're eligible. That's also the site students should visit to see their high school's core courses. Only the core courses on the NCAA list can be used to figure a student's core-course GPA.

In addition to GPA, students must achieve certain scores on the ACT or SAT. To make sure the NCAA gets their test scores, students should enter the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 when they register for each test.

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For Division I and II athletes, ACT and SAT scores are combined scores. That means students add the score in each subtest to arrive at a combined score. They can use their best subtest score from several tests.

Home-schooled students must register at the Eligibility Center and meet the same requirements as other student-athletes. After they register, they should look under the “Resources” tab for more information.

Students with GEDs should contact the Eligibility Center for more information.

NCAA Division III schools don’t give athletic scholarships. Students who want to play sports at a Division III school should contact the school to find out what its policies are.

NAIA

Every student-athlete must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at <https://play.mynaia.org/> to play sports at an NAIA college or university.

The NAIA requires high school graduates who want to participate in sports to meet two of the following:

- Have at least an 18 ACT or 970 SAT score, not including essay. Students must enter code 9876 when they register to have their scores sent to the NAIA.
- Have at least a 2.0 high school GPA.
- Graduate in the top half of their high school class.

Home-schooled students must have at least a 20 ACT or 1040 SAT composite score. Students who don’t have the required scores can request a waiver from the NAIA Home School Committee.

GED graduates must have at least an 18 ACT or 970 SAT score.

NJCAA

To play sports at an NJCAA school, students must have a high school diploma or a GED. Home-schooled students should contact the college about being certified to participate in athletics.

Remember: This information only applies to becoming eligible for a student’s first year of intercollegiate sports. After students begin playing, they must meet other requirements to keep their eligibility.



KHEAA continues hosting social media outreach

KHEAA Outreach will continue to provide live help in April via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Some sessions will include Kentucky-specific as well as general information. The schedule is:

- **May 25:** Setting Up For Success: FAFSA Frenzy, **Facebook**
- **May 27:** Setting Up For Success: Senior Exit Checklist, **Instagram**

All sessions begin at 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA

www.instagram.com/kheaaoutreach/?hl=en

ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Scores Available
July 21, 2021	June 18, 2021	TBD
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	TBD
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	TBD
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	TBD
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	TBD
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	TBD
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	TBD
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	TBD

SAT National Test Dates

August 28, 2021	TBD	TBD
October 2, 2021	TBD	TBD
November 6, 2021	TBD	TBD
December 4, 2021	TBD	TBD
March 12, 2022	TBD	TBD
May 7, 2022	TBD	TBD
June 4, 2022	TBD	TBD

Scholarship Spotlight

Camp Fire Alabama

Kathleen P. Bruhn Memorial Leadership Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a graduating high school senior;
- have made a positive impact on his/her community.
- submit an application;
- submit an official school transcript;
- submit a 1-page essay explaining how the applicant envisions his/her leadership role expanding after

- graduation;
- submit 2 letters of reference (1 from a volunteer experience).

Number: 1

Award: \$1,000; renewable with application

Deadline: July 31

Contact: Camp Fire Alabama, 120 Oxmoor Boulevard, Suite 110, Homewood AL 35209; 205.324.2434; info@campfire-al.org

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