

A dark, grayscale background image featuring various sports equipment. In the foreground, there is a football with visible laces. Behind it, a soccer ball is partially visible on the left, and a basketball is on the right. A baseball is also visible in the lower right foreground.

A COMPLETE LIST OF NCAA DIVISION I SCHOOLS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

<u>Alabama</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Arizona</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>California.</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Colorado</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Connecticut.</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Delaware.</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>District of Columbia</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Florida.</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Georgia</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Hawaii.</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Idaho</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Illinois</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Kentucky.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Maine</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Maryland.</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Massachusetts</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Michigan</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Missouri</u>	<u>8</u>

<u>Montana</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Nebraska.</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Nevada</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>New Mexico.</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>New York.</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>North Dakota</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Ohio</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Oregon</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Rhode Island</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>South Dakota</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Texas</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Utah</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Vermont</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Virginia</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>Washington</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>West Virginia</u>	<u>14</u>
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If you're a varsity athlete in high school, chances are, you want to attend a college that's in Division I of the NCAA. The National Collegiate Athletic Association, or NCAA has divided athletic programs into divisions: Division I, Division II, and Division III. A school might be within different divisions for individual sports. Division I typically includes large universities with large populations—students are awarded athletic scholarships, but they have to be excellent at their sport in order to qualify for one. Athletics are a bigger part of campus life at DI schools.

The NCAA Division I consists of over 350 schools and 6,000 teams within these colleges. Sports conferences such as the SEC, Big 10, Pac 12, and ACC are composed of Division I schools. While the Ivy League schools are part of Division 1, they don't offer athletic scholarships to students. Scholarships and enrollment are not only based on athletic abilities, but also on students' academic performance. Due to COVID-19, the NCAA is looking only at students' GPA for the 2020-21 recruiting season.

This e-resource guides you through the list of Division 1 teams in each state, followed by an overview of how the admissions office views students athletes.

The NCAA Division I Schools By State

As you make your college list, chances are you wish to play in a particular league or conference. To narrow down your options, we've divided up the Division 1 schools by state in order to ease your navigation.

Alabama

- University of Alabama
- Alabama A&M University
- Alabama State University
- Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Auburn University
- Jacksonville State University
- Samford University
- University of North Alabama
- University of South Alabama
- Troy University

Arizona

- University of Arizona
- Arizona State University
- Northern Arizona University
- Grand Canyon University

Arkansas

- Arkansas State University
- University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of Arkansas

California

- California Baptist University
- California Polytechnic State University
- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Northridge
- California State University, Sacramento
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, San Diego
- Long Beach State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- University of the Pacific
- Pepperdine University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- University of San Diego
- San Diego State University
- University of San Francisco
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- University of Southern California
- Stanford University

Colorado

- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Colorado State University
- University of Denver
- University of Northern Colorado
- U.S. Air Force Academy

Connecticut

- Central Connecticut State University
- University of Connecticut
- University of Hartford
- Fairfield University
- Quinnipiac University
- Sacred Heart University
- Yale University

Delaware

- University of Delaware
- Delaware State University

District of Columbia

- American University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University

Florida

- Bethune-Cookman University
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Jacksonville University
- University of Miami (Florida)
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida
- Stetson University

Georgia

- University of Georgia
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Mercer University
- Savannah State University

Hawaii

- University of Hawaii, Manoa

Idaho

- Boise State University
- University of Idaho
- Idaho State University

Illinois

- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Illinois State University
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Loyola University Chicago
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Western Illinois University

Indiana

- Ball State University
- Butler University
- University of Evansville
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne
- Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
- University of Notre Dame
- Purdue University
- Valparaiso University

Iowa

- Drake University
- University of Iowa
- Iowa State University
- University of Northern Iowa

Kansas

- University of Kansas
- Kansas State University
- Wichita State University

Kentucky

- Bellarmine University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville
- Morehead State University
- Murray State University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Western Kentucky University

Louisiana

- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Louisiana at Monroe
- Louisiana State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- Grambling State University
- McNeese State University
- University of New Orleans
- Nicholls State University
- Northwestern State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- Southern University, Baton Rouge
- Tulane University

Maine

- University of Maine

Maryland

- Coppin State University
- Loyola University Maryland
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Morgan State University
- Mount St. Mary's University
- Towson University
- U.S. Naval Academy

Massachusetts

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Harvard University
- College of the Holy Cross
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- Merrimack College
- Northeastern University

Michigan

- Central Michigan University
- University of Detroit Mercy
- Eastern Michigan University
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- Oakland University
- Western Michigan University

Minnesota

- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Mississippi

- Alcorn State University
- Jackson State University
- University of Mississippi
- Mississippi State University
- Mississippi Valley State University
- The University of Southern Mississippi

Missouri

- Missouri State University
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Southeast Missouri State University
- Saint Louis University

Montana

- University of Montana-Missoula
- Montana State University-Bozeman

Nebraska

- Creighton University
- University of Nebraska Omaha
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Reno

New Hampshire

- Dartmouth College
- University of New Hampshire

New Jersey

- Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
- Monmouth University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Princeton University
- Rider University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
- Seton Hall University
- Saint Peter's University

New Mexico

- University of New Mexico
- New Mexico State University

New York

- University at Albany
- Binghamton University
- University at Buffalo, the State University of New York
- Canisius College
- Colgate University
- Columbia University-Barnard College
- Cornell University
- Fordham University
- Hofstra University
- Iona College
- Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus
- Manhattan College
- Marist College
- Niagara University

- Siena College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. Francis College Brooklyn
- St. John's University (New York)
- Stony Brook University
- Syracuse University
- U.S. Military Academy (West Point)
- Wagner College

North Carolina

- Appalachian State University
- Campbell University
- Davidson College
- Duke University
- East Carolina University
- Elon University
- Gardner-Webb University
- High Point University
- University of North Carolina-Asheville
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina State University
- North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- University of North Carolina Wilmington
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Wake Forest University
- Western Carolina University

North Dakota

- University of North Dakota
- North Dakota State University

Ohio

- University of Akron
- Bowling Green State University
- University of Cincinnati
- Cleveland State University
- University of Dayton
- Kent State University
- Miami University (Ohio)
- The Ohio State University
- Ohio University

- University of Toledo
- Wright State University
- Xavier University
- Youngstown State University

Oklahoma

- University of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma State University
- Oral Roberts University
- The University of Tulsa

Oregon

- University of Oregon
- Oregon State University
- University of Portland
- Portland State University

Pennsylvania

- Bucknell University
- Drexel University
- Duquesne University
- La Salle University
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Robert Morris University
- Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)
- Saint Joseph's University
- Temple University
- Villanova University

Rhode Island

- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Providence College
- University of Rhode Island

South Carolina

- College of Charleston (South Carolina)
- Charleston Southern University
- The Citadel

- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Furman University
- Presbyterian College
- University of South Carolina, Columbia
- South Carolina State University
- University of South Carolina Upstate
- Winthrop University
- Wofford College

South Dakota

- University of South Dakota
- South Dakota State University

Tennessee

- Austin Peay State University
- Belmont University
- East Tennessee State University
- Lipscomb University
- University of Memphis
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Technological University
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Vanderbilt University

Texas

- Abilene Christian University
- Baylor University
- University of Houston
- Houston Baptist University
- University of the Incarnate Word
- Lamar University
- University of North Texas
- Prairie View A&M University
- Rice University
- Sam Houston State University
- Southern Methodist University
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M University, College Station
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

- Texas Christian University
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Texas Southern University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas at El Paso
- University of Texas at San Antonio

Utah

- Brigham Young University
- Dixie State University
- Southern Utah University
- University of Utah
- Utah State University
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University

Vermont

- University of Vermont

Virginia

- George Mason University
- Hampton University
- James Madison University
- Liberty University
- Longwood University
- Norfolk State University
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- University of Richmond
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- College of William and Mary

Washington

- Eastern Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Seattle University
- University of Washington
- Washington State University

West Virginia

- Marshall University
- West Virginia University

Wisconsin

- Marquette University
- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Wyoming

- University of Wyoming

How Does an Admissions Office Evaluate Student Athletes?

STEP 1: If you're a qualified student athlete, you may be asked to send your grades, scores, transcript, and resumé for an early read by an admissions officer. Keep in mind that this is rare! Only the top student athletes in the country can expect this from DI schools. Coaches will discuss this process if it applies to you.

STEP 2: The admissions officer assigned as the "athletic liaison" for your sports team confirms that you meet the school's academic requirements. Since coaches wish to fill up their roster as soon as possible, a lot of athletes are accepted during the early decision round.

STEP 3, Option 1: You will receive a conditional early acceptance, a likely letter, or the equivalent version of "strong support" if your academics and athletics meet the school's standards. A likely letter is a formal written confirmation from the admissions office that you will be accepted into the school assuming that there's no major drop in your grades or scores.

STEP 3, Option 2: If you do not receive early admission or a likely letter, you will submit your application and be read in the early or regular decision rounds. If the school is your top choice, apply early! Your application will be flagged as a "recruited," "contacted," or "interested" student athlete. This is a plus for your application and indicates "strong support" from a coach, but keep in mind that student athletes are not admitted to top institutions based on athletics alone. All other components of your application must be as strong as other students applying.

Don't forget that most athletic coaches have a certain number of spots saved for incoming athletes on their team. Students that either sign a letter of intent or commit early have a stronger guarantee, and they will go through an "early read" (although they still need to meet their school's academic standards and submit a full early application). Certain coaches will offer "soft support" for strong student athletes who have not received one of the guaranteed spots. Their applications are read with the larger admissions pool, not set aside with the student athletes.

It's important to note that all student athletes must complete an application. Student athletes do not have a different application or admissions process in this regard.

Now that you've got a sense of what the DI schools are, it's time to put your focus on working hard both on and off the fields. Admissions to these teams are extremely competitive. It's important to start early, evaluate your own skill sets, and determine what you want out of your college athletics experience. Definitely reach out to coaches and your counselor. Communication is key for a successful recruiting and admissions process. Good luck!