

**Grades, Grades, Grades...they will open doors for you  
AND close doors.**

*Presented by:*



**DON'T assume soccer is your ticket into college.**



**DO work hard to keep your grades up for greater  
opportunities.**

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You've worked so hard on the field to be in a position to further your playing career into college - what a lot of athletes don't think about is that if you put forth the same effort in the classroom, your opportunities become even greater. In fact, taking the academic scholarship route is a fantastic door into a roster spot as well! Many athletes dream of a "full ride" (full athletic scholarship) however, it is very rare in collegiate soccer. The reality is, a small percentage of players are on a full ride through athletics. Scholarships are almost always divided among multiple players on the team and the offer comes in the form of a "partial scholarship" (i.e. 25%, 30%...etc). Additionally, many players receive a combination of athletic + academic and/or other financial grants outside of athletics. Let's breakdown some of the requirements for academic scholarships.



## Academic Scholarships

- Academic scholarships typically use a minimum GPA and/or standardized test score, but may include other criteria as well. The requirements for each academic scholarship will be a little different, but the academic standards will be clearly outlined.
- Most academic scholarships will be partial scholarships, paying for a portion of a student's tuition and fees.
- There is no limit to how many academic scholarships one student can receive.
- Most academic scholarships are guaranteed all four years, provided the student maintains a certain GPA and is in good standing with the school.

## Academic Scholarship Criteria by Division

### NCAA Division I

- Top 10% of the high school graduating class
- Achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.50
- Score 1200 or higher on the SAT or ACT sum score of at least 105

### NCAA Division II

- Top 20% of high school graduating class
- Achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA out of 4.00
- ACT Sum score of 100 or SAT of 1140

### NCAA Division III

- This is an appealing option for student-athletes who are seeking out top academic programs and a balance between athletics and academics in their college experience
- Merit-based scholarships and grants are awarded to student-athletes for excellence in academics and/or leadership
- High GPA required
- Competitive test scores

### NAIA

- There is no limit on aid received for an academically gifted student athlete in the NAIA institutions (meaning the student-athlete could receive a private scholarship + athletic scholarship + academic scholarship...work study, etc). with some to no limits

- Continuing students with a 3.6 cumulative GPA or who are in the top 10% of their class (100% of aid exempt)
  - Continuing students with a 3.3 – 3.59 cumulative GPA or who are in the upper 11% - 25% of their class (50% of aid exempt)
  - Aid to entering freshmen exempt if the student achieves one of the following:
    - 1130 SAT or 23 ACT = 50% of aid exempt
    - 1270 SAT or 27 ACT = 100% of aid exempt
    - Cumulative high school GPA of 3.50 – 3.74 = 50% of aid exempt
    - 3.75 – 4.0 = 100% of aid exempt
    - High school class rank in the top 11% - 25% = 50% of aid exempt
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**REMEMBER: Grades matter. Regardless of NCAA Div I, II, III, NAIA or Junior College -- your grades help create even more opportunities for you through the recruiting process. Your work ethic and diligence to maintain such requirements are what translates into life. Be accountable and take ownership of YOU.**

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**Stay humble. Work hard. Never give up. Enjoy the journey. Be your best you!**

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