

# A Scholarship Guide for Sports Dummies

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**DIVISION I** (University of Maryland, University of Virginia, Syracuse). This is the most competitive of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's three divisions, with many teams offering athletic scholarships. Women's teams are limited to the equivalent of 12 full scholarships, men's teams to 12.6. As players leave or graduate, their scholarship amounts become available to players still on the team.

Some Division I conferences, like the Ivy League, have made a decision not to award athletic scholarships. But they can recruit athletes, virtually guaranteeing admission. The Patriot League has not given athletic scholarships in lacrosse, but with the recent change of heart by Colgate and American University, other league members like Lehigh may follow suit.

**DIVISION II** (Assumption College, Bryant University, Adelphi). Though this is the smallest of the three divisions, many Division II schools give athletic scholarships, based on the N.C.A.A. formula.

**DIVISION III** (Williams, Bates, Amherst). Players often rival or surpass those in Division II. Many desirable campuses fall into this category; they recruit but don't give scholarships.