



NAIA Eligibility

The NAIA Eligibility Center will determine your eligibility based on your academic record and additional information you provide. Here's how it works:

High School Students

If you will graduate from high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple. High school graduation, plus two out of three of these requirements

1. ACHIEVE A MINIMUM OF 18 ON THE ACT OR 860 ON THE SAT.

2. ACHIEVE A MINIMUM OVERALL HIGH SCHOOL GPA OF 2.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE

3. GRADUATE IN THE TOP HALF OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS.

Early Decisions for High School Seniors

Students who have completed their junior year of high school with an overall 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale OR students who have completed the first half of senior year with an overall 2.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale, plus the minimum test scores required (18 ACT or 860 SAT), may receive an eligibility decision prior to high school graduation. To receive an early decision, register with the NAIA Eligibility Center, have your high school send official transcripts to the Eligibility Center and contact ACT or SAT to have their test scores sent directly (the NAIA code is 9876 with ACT and SAT).

Transfer Students

If you're transferring from a two- or four-year college and never played previously in the NAIA, the Eligibility Center will determine your eligibility based on academic records received directly from the previous institution(s).

Current NAIA Students Playing Sports for the First time

If you're a current NAIA student who has not previously competed in the NAIA, the Eligibility Center will determine your eligibility based on academic records received directly from your current institution and any previous institution(s) you've attended.

Have You Taken Time Off?

Some students will also need to provide more detailed information about their participation in sports outside the college setting. This information will be required if you:

- Graduated from high school and did not enroll in college full-time the following fall
- Did not maintain continuous enrollment in college (e.g., withdrew from college for one or more semesters/quarters)
- Did not participate in college sports for one or more years during your collegiate enrollment

NAIA Ongoing Eligibility Rules

For students already enrolled at NAIA institutions, your best resource for eligibility questions is your campus Faculty Athletics Representative. The NAIA Official Handbook outlines all association rules governing eligibility.