

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. When do I start the process?**

You should start researching schools sometime in your sophomore year. While your list of schools may change dramatically, it is good to start thinking about what kind of schools interest you and what criteria is most important to you.

**2. Who do I talk to first?**

Start the process by talking with your high school coach, club/travel coach, Mr. Meister and Mr. P.

**3. When should I send my introductory letter or e-mail?**

When the recruiting process begins will depend partly on your sport, your ability and the level you wish to compete (DI, DII, DIII). In most cases, you should send out your first letter or e-mail between the end of your sophomore year and the beginning of your junior year.

**4. When should I talk to my college counselor about the recruiting process and the schools I am interested in?**

When you meet with your college counselor, talk to him/her about your interest in pursuing athletics in college.

**5. How do I incorporate my club coach into the process?**

Depending on how involved and knowledgeable your club coach is, you may want to include him/her in your recruiting process. Your club coach may be able to provide more specific information about your particular sport.

**6. When do I register for the NCAA eligibility center?**

The best time to register is in the fall of your senior year.

**7. Where do I get the forms to register with the eligibility center?**

You can get the forms online at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). When you register, print a copy of your completed registration form and both Copy 1 and Copy 2 of the transcript release form. Sign the transcript release forms and give both to your college counselor.

**8. How do I get my test scores sent to the eligibility center?**

When you take the SAT/ACT's, you can have your scores sent directly to the eligibility center. If you do not get them sent directly, go online to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), click "For Students" and then "Get and Send Scores." Follow the directions to get the scores sent to the eligibility center and schools of your choice.

**9. How do I get my unofficial or official transcript sent to schools and the eligibility center?**

Once your junior year has ended and your grades are posted, the College Office will make an unofficial transcript available. You can then copy and send your transcript to coaches who request it. If coaches ask for an unofficial transcript before this time, contact the College Office for a copy.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK COACHES

- What is your overall philosophy as a coach?
- What is your academic philosophy?
- What is the graduation rate of your team?
- What is your average team GPA?
- What is the overall graduation rate of the entire student body at the college or university?
- What academic support is available for student-athletes? Do they receive extra academic support such as tutoring or class preference? Are there mandatory study halls?
- Are there restrictions in majoring in certain subjects?
- What is the typical time commitment in the regular season and off-season?
- What expectations do you have for training and conditioning?
- Do your players get the opportunity to travel abroad in the summer or off-season?
- Is it possible for me to play another sport? If so, how might that effect my development and status on your team?
- Do all players travel to games?
- Are you looking to recruit my position/specialty/event?
- Have you seen me compete? If so, can you tell me where you see me in terms of your team and the recruiting process?
- Can I get accepted into your school on my own? If not, do you have any influence on the admissions of recruits?
- How does the financial aid process work?
- Does your program have scholarship to offer?

## **SAMPLE LETTER/E-MAIL FROM STUDENT-ATHLETE**

Date

Coach's Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear Coach (make sure it is current and spelled correctly!):

I am a (*class year*) at Gerstell Academy in Finksburg, MD and I am interested in playing (*your sport*) at the (*DI, DII or DIII*) level in college. At the present time, my goals are to pursue a degree in (*desired major*) upon graduation in (*year*). I am just starting to explore my college options and I interested in (*name of University/ College*) and your (*sport*) program.

A resume is attached (or enclosed if it is a letter) which outlines my high school academic and athletic achievements. In addition to my high school team, I also compete for (*name of club team*). I will be at the (*name of tournament/ competition/ camp*) on (*date*) and I hope you get the chance to see me play.

I would greatly appreciate any information you could send me about your program and school. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name Typed  
Address  
E-mail address

## **SAMPLE SPORTS RESUME**

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name  
Address  
Phone  
Email

Birth date  
Graduation  
Parents Names

### **ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

High School  
Address  
Phone

College counselor  
GPA  
Test Scores

Academic honors & recognition

### **ATHLETIC INFORMATION:**

High school experience (V/JV, position, events, ranking, etc)  
Club information  
Camps attended  
Honors and recognitions  
Other sports played

### **REFERENCES:**

High school coach  
Club coach  
Athletic Director (or other reputable individual)