

Scholarships: Slicing the Pie

Division I and Division II statistics from the National Collegiate Athletic Association show the average athletic scholarship to be valued at \$10,409. But in sports like baseball or track and field, which routinely award partial scholarships, a player can receive as little as \$2,000.

| | NUMBER OF H.S. BOYS PARTICIPATING | NUMBER AWARDED | STUDENTS RECEIVING* | SCHOLARSHIPS | | YEARLY VALUE PER RECIPIENT |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN (IN MILLIONS) | AVG. % OF FULL SCHOLARSHIP | |
| Ice Hockey | 32,166 | 1,089 | 1,369 | \$ 29.8 | 80% | \$21,755 |
| Basketball | 541,130 | 5,949 | 7,545 | 126.0 | 79 | 16,698 |
| Gymnastics | 3,495 | 94 | 186 | 2.5 | 51 | 13,351 |
| Football | 1,025,762 | 19,549 | 28,299 | 367.3 | 69 | 12,980 |
| Fencing | 777 | 48 | 127 | 1.4 | 38 | 10,814 |
| Skiing | 11,854 | 69 | 143 | 1.4 | 49 | 9,783 |
| Tennis | 158,796 | 1,257 | 2,927 | 26.5 | 43 | 9,050 |
| Lacrosse | 35,266 | 551 | 1,723 | 14.9 | 32 | 8,670 |
| Soccer | 330,044 | 2,357 | 6,047 | 51.6 | 39 | 8,533 |
| Swimming/ Diving | 86,640 | 1,080 | 2,806 | 23.3 | 38 | 8,294 |
| Water Polo | 13,871 | 83 | 282 | 2.2 | 30 | 7,756 |
| Wrestling | 239,105 | 789 | 2,160 | 14.5 | 37 | 6,703 |
| Track and Field/ Cross Country | 713,305 | 3,112 | 8,414 | 54.6 | 37 | 6,491 |
| Volleyball | 35,915 | 129 | 416 | 2.6 | 31 | 6,360 |
| Golf | 165,857 | 1,310 | 3,662 | 23.2 | 36 | 6,338 |
| Baseball | 451,701 | 3,983 | 12,272 | 71.3 | 32 | 5,806 |
| Riflery | 2,274 | 15 | 75 | .3 | 21 | 3,608 |
| Bowling | 10,110 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Field Hockey | 213 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Rowing | 2,186 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Softball | 1,484 | — | — | — | — | — |

Playing Within the Confines

The maximum number of full scholarships allowed in an academic year to N.C.A.A. Division I and Division II institutions in the following men's and women's sports.

| | — MEN — | | — WOMEN — | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Div. I | Div. II | Div. I | Div. II |
| Archery | — | — | 5.0 | 9.0 |
| Badminton | — | — | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| Baseball | 11.7 | 9.0 | — | — |
| Basketball | 13.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 10.0 |
| Bowling | — | — | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Cross-Country/Track and Field | 12.6 | 12.6 | 18.0 | 12.6 |
| Equestrian | — | — | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| Fencing | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| Field Hockey | — | — | 12.0 | 6.3 |
| Football | | 36.0 | — | — |
| Bowl subdivision* | 85.0 | | — | — |
| Championship subdivision† | 63.0 | | — | — |
| Golf | 4.5 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| Gymnastics | 6.3 | 5.4 | 12.0 | 6.0 |
| Ice Hockey | 18.0 | 13.5 | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| Lacrosse | 12.6 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 9.9 |
| Rowing | — | — | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| Rifle | 3.6 | 3.6 | — | — |
| Rugby | — | — | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Skiing | 6.3 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.3 |
| Soccer | 9.9 | 9.0 | 14.0 | 9.9 |
| Softball | — | — | 12.0 | 7.2 |
| Squash | — | — | 12.0 | 9.0 |
| Swimming and Diving | 9.9 | 8.1 | 14.0 | 8.1 |
| Synchronized Swimming | — | — | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Team Handball | — | — | 10.0 | 12.0 |
| Tennis | 4.5 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 6.0 |
| Volleyball | 4.5 | 4.5 | 12.0 | 8.0 |
| Water Polo | 4.5 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Wrestling | 9.9 | 9.0 | — | — |