

All information on these sheets are helpful hints for pursuing an American education. It is the responsibility of the student and their family to do in-depth research and follow the procedures of each post-secondary institution.



Resource Package for Students Considering U.S.A. Universities and Colleges

Key Terms:

Four Year Colleges/Universities (Degree/Post Degree Programs)

Two Year Colleges (Associate Degree/Diploma)

National Universities

P.S.A.T./S.A.T./A.C.T. (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, Scholastic Aptitude Test, American College Test)

Division I (highest level of intercollegiate athletics) Division II, III

N.C.A.A.: National Collegiate Athletic Association

GPA: Grade Point Average includes all marks from grade 9-12

What do U.S.A. Schools Look For?

A Holistic Admission

1. Student GPA: Gr. 9-12 cumulative marks
2. Individual Programs: What classes did you take in high school? Were they academically challenging?
3. Standardized Test Scores: S.A.T., A.C.T. (prepskills.com)
4. Essay Responses: do not plagiarize, avoid humour, personalize it and make sure several people edit it for you
5. Letters of Recommendation

Applying to a U.S.A. College or University

Most schools use Common Applications <https://www.commonapp.org/>

If they are not using the Common App, contact the school to find out how to apply



NCAA Athletes: The Process

Do NOT wait for schools to come to you! You must contact them and be aggressive in marketing yourself.

Grade 11:

- Research Schools (collegeboard.com, berecruited.com)
- Contact schools of interest
- Connect with Faculty/Coaches
- Have your present coach/Instructor speak with someone at the college
- Write P.S.A.T. in the fall of your grade 11 year
- Keep lines of communication open

Grade 12:

- Locate S.A.T. schedule for location, dates, times (Plan to write more than once)
- Update personal resume and continue contact with coaches
- Try to arrange “official expense paid visits” at favoured schools
- Begin to discuss \$\$\$
- With parents, prepare info package regarding financial standing
- Apply for Canada Student Loan if desired (must be an OSAP approved school)
- Apply early
- Apply to Eligibility Clearinghouse (NCAA)
- Receive and Accept favourable offers

Points for Athletes to Consider

- If you get injured will they honour the schooling even though you are unable to play?
- Will you be able to transfer back to Canada if you are unable to finish due to injury/extenuating circumstances?
- Will you be able to get into graduate school in Canada with the marks achieved from an Ivy League School? (Graduate schools might not look at where you went to school, they might only look at the marks)

Collegeboard.com

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

The College Board is a national nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to college and opportunity. The association is composed of more than 4300 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations in the United States. Among its best-known programs are the S.A.T and P.S.A.T.

This resource is recommended to students and parents so that they may better understand the American post-secondary experience. It is crucial that these individuals take an active role in the process and collegeboard.com is a user-friendly tool

Students: Information regarding:

Tests

Planning (what to do in Gr. 10,11,12)

Applying to college (online registration)

Paying for School (scholarships, loans, etc.)

Parents: Offers the same links but from a different perspective. For example:

What parents should know about the S.A.T.

What your child should be doing right now, financial aid info

(F.A.F.S.A. free application for Federal Student Aid, many non-US citizens qualify for Federal Student Aid)

Some Other Valuable Resources.....

<http://www.studentathletesgameplan.com/> This site provides you with the “nuts and bolts” of the application process and in addition information regarding the NCAA Clearinghouse criteria.

<https://prepskills.com/> Prepskills specializes in preparing students for admissions tests to private/independent schools and American Universities