



Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Program

In 1988, the National Collegiate Athletic Association established the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Program as a means of recognizing the contributions of the former executive director through encouraging excellence in academic performance by student-athletes. Under this program, one male and one female student-athlete are annually awarded a postgraduate scholarship in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and potential for success in postgraduate study. It is intended that an individual named a Byers Scholar will be recognized as one who has combined the best elements of mind and body to achieve national distinction for his or her achievements, and promises to be a future leader in his or her chosen field of career service.

The Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Program is separate and distinct from the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Program, which provides numerous annual awards with smaller stipends. The stipend for each Byers Scholarship is \$24,000 for an academic year and may be renewed for a second year.

Qualifications for the Walter Byers Scholarship

To be eligible for consideration, nominees shall:

1. Have an overall undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 3.500 or better (based on a maximum 4.000), or the equivalent in other recognized grading systems;
2. Have competed in intercollegiate athletics as a member of a varsity team at an NCAA member institution;
3. Be a graduating senior or be enrolled in graduate study at an NCAA member institution;
4. Have intentions of applying for admission into a graduate degree program at a properly accredited, nonprofit educational institution or into a post baccalaureate professional degree program at a professionally accredited law school, medical school, or the equivalent, without restriction as to the national site of the institution;
5. Be committed to work on a full-time basis toward a graduate degree or toward a post baccalaureate professional degree;
6. Have evidenced superior character and leadership;
7. Have demonstrated that participation in athletics has been a positive influence on the nominee's personal and intellectual development. Relative success in athletics is important but not of overriding significance; and
8. Enroll into a graduate degree program within five years of being named a Byers Scholar.

If you satisfy the qualifications listed below please contact your faculty athletics representative (FAR) or chief academics officer about obtaining his or her nomination.

Log onto <http://www.ncaa.org/scholarships+and+internships> for the current application packet and the current year's due date.