

NCAA disclaimer for Aggie Mom Club Scholarships

The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office presented at the Scholarships Workshop under 501 (c)3 Guidelines in August 2013. The speaker explained that certain athletes who are currently on NCAA supervised sports such as Football, Basketball, Softball and Track/Field cannot receive a scholarship from an outside organization if the athlete's sports experiences were used in any way in the decision to award the scholarship. This also includes any student who may "walk-on" during the season.

If an athlete receives a local scholarship, a document will be sent to the club with a verification of how the scholarship was awarded and that athletics had nothing to do with the decision. If sports information was used, the student cannot receive the local scholarship. This NCAA rule does not apply to club teams such as lacrosse. Please let me know if I can be of further help.

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The final clarification on scholarship application wording is below:

- 1. If an applicant plans to be a student athlete at Texas A&M University (scholarship, non-scholarship or plan to walk-on) please do not allow that applicant to list his (her) athletic accomplishments and athletic participation in your scholarship application.**
- 2. The definition of a student athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a coach at Texas A&M University for participation in one of the 20 NCAA intercollegiate sponsored sports. Any other student becomes a student athlete only when the student is added to the intercollegiate squad list by a coach for a sport that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, as specified in the NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.5. A student is not deemed a student athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics participation.**
- 3. Wording for your club's scholarship application:** "Primary considerations for the awards include academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities (**excluding athletics**), reasons for wanting to attend Texas A&M University and financial need (**excluding athletics**)."
- 4. If your club scholarship application has the following questions, the suggested changes are in bold text:**
 - A. What hobbies and other personal interests (**excluding athletics**) do you have?
 - B. List high school activities (**excluding athletics**) in which you participated.

Date

Activity
Hours/Weekly

Start/End

- C. List any activities outside of school (**excluding athletics**), such as community service organizations, scouts, church, etc. Give amount of time spent monthly.

<u>Hours/Monthly</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Start/End Date</u>
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- D. Why do you want to attend Texas A&M University (**do not discuss athletics**)?

- E. The space below may be used to provide any other information about yourself (**excluding athletics**) that you feel is relevant to this application. (Attach additional page if necessary)