

US COLLEGE FACT SHEET

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT



The National Letter of Intent (NLI) is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and College whereby the student agrees to attend the College full-time for one academic year in exchange for the College providing financial aid for one academic year.



VOLUNTARY

The NLI is voluntary and not required for a student-athlete to receive financial aid



RECRUITING ENDS

Signing an NLI ends the recruiting process, Colleges are prohibited from signing student-athletes that have signed letters with other Colleges



NLI RELEASE

A student-athlete may request a release from their NLI to sign with another College, but will lose one full year of eligibility to compete & must complete a full academic year before being eligible to compete.



PROS OF NLI

Ends the recruiting process and bans contact from other Colleges

Provides security and assurance in case of injury

Big scholarship money is available early - signing an early NLI can secure higher levels of support



CONS OF NLI

Traditionally seen as a one-sided agreement, with contractual power sitting with the College

An athlete loses one year of playing eligibility if they change their mind & transfer to another College

An NLI is binding even if the coach who offered the letter leaves the College

For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalletter.org/>

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