



### **SMART SCHOLARSHIPS:**

POTENTIAL - CURRENT - FORMER ATHLETES

It is important for current and former student-athletes, and those who plan to compete in college sports, to know whether the use of SMART scholarship funds will impact their eligibility.

SMART scholarship funds can be used for the following:

1. Reimbursement for needed supplies, such as books and computer
2. Off-campus housing paid directly to the provider
3. Student loan paid directly to the loan company

However, the use of SMART scholarship funds **may be against** the regulations of your school or sport governing body. It is **your responsibility** to ensure compliance with all regulations if you are a student-athlete:

- The use of SMART scholarship funds while participating in **ANY** NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA sport will be monitored through your school. Taking scholarship funds as stated in Items 1-3 above may be a violation.
- If you are a potential athlete, please follow the school's rules for athletes. If you do not know your school's policy, please check with your sport administrator.
- If you are a former athlete, receiving funds could affect you retroactively. Please check with your school and follow the school's rules for athletes.
- SMART will not contact your school on your behalf. It is **your responsibility** to know your school's rules and regulations to ensure compliance with your school.
- If funds are requested as stated in items 1-3 above, the request will be processed. SMART is not responsible for checking whether the use of SMART scholarships will affect the eligibility of a student or student-athlete.
- SMART will not negotiate with your school on your behalf when SMART scholarship funds are used in violation of school regulations.
- Any penalty applied by the school is **your responsibility** and SMART will not intervene.
- It is the responsibility of the student-athlete or potential student-athlete to know the rules and regulations for their school and sport governing body.

For additional information, click on these links for the national organization:

[NCAA](#)

[NAIA](#)

[NJCAA](#)