



COVID-Related Exceptions for Entering Freshman

Quick Hits

- I have a qualifying test score but do not meet class rank or GPA. Can I use this exception? **No.**
- I have a qualifying class rank but do not meet test score or GPA. Can I use this exception? **No.**
- I have a qualifying GPA and one of the other requirements. Do I have to use this exception? **No, if you meet two out of three initial eligibility requirements, then you will not be utilizing this exception.**
- Do I have to request the exception? **No, the NAIA Eligibility Center will apply the exception automatically.**

Who to Contact

For rules, hardships, request for exceptions, continuing eligibility

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For questions about NAIA Eligibility Center decisions and status

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Entering freshmen exceptions arising out of the Spring of 2020

Please note these are a collection of some of the most important scenarios arising out of the COVID pandemic. To find out more information please go to naia.org/covdi19.

WHO

- **Entering Freshmen**
A freshman is anyone who has not been identified for at least two semester terms of attendance or three quarter terms of attendance.

WHAT

Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Generally, entering freshman have to meet two out of three initial eligibility requirements: ACT/SAT test score; high school GPA; and/or high school class rank.
- Freshman seeking a decision for the **fall of 2020** or **spring of 2021** are able to meet initial eligibility requirements by having only a 2.000 final high school GPA.

HOW

- The NAIA Eligibility Center will apply the exception automatically.

WHEN/WHERE

- If a student utilizes this exception, then they would be eligible to compete in the 2020-2021 academic year.
- However, before they compete in their next season of competition, they have to have at least a 2.000 cumulative collegiate GPA.