The NCAA student-athlete affairs department provides leadership, expertise, professional programming and relevant resources to the NCAA membership through four main focus areas: educational programming, leadership development, health and safety, and financial assistance programs.

1. Educational Programming Focus.
The educational program unit oversees the Association’s educational program functions and administers NCAA scholarships, youth initiatives, and the chancellor and president’s orientation program.

2. Leadership Development Focus.
The leadership development unit provides life skills support in the areas of academics, athletics, personal development, career development and service through the distribution of accessible resources, strategic partnerships and customized programming at little or no expense to member institutions. These programs, resources and events are designed to promote the well-being and development of student-athletes and to provide on-going education and training to athletics professionals who identify and serve student-athlete needs.

3. Health and Safety Focus.
The health and well-being of our student-athletes is our highest priority, and it is the responsibility of each member institution to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, each of its participating student-athletes. The health and safety unit promotes a healthy and safe environment for student-athletes through committee support, research, education, collaboration, policy interpretation, and youth initiatives. The unit provides expertise on student-athlete health, wellness and safety topics involving playing rules, legislation, policy, and education; maintains a comprehensive drug testing program; and tracks sports injuries and student-athlete experiences.

4. Financial Assistance Programs Focus.
The student-athlete affairs department also provides oversight and logistical support for many grants and scholarships targeting student-athletes and membership athletics departments. All of the financial assistance program opportunities can be found in the “Show Me the Money” document.

Educational programming, resources and professional development opportunities can be found within the “Show Me the Money” document, as well as online at:

NCAA.org/studentathleteaffairs
NCAA.org/health-safety
NCAA.org/drugtesting

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