



# College Recruiting

What to know and think about in the process (I plan to send a word doc with this information and the slide show after the meeting is done through email) - Take notes as you see fit and don't be afraid to ask questions

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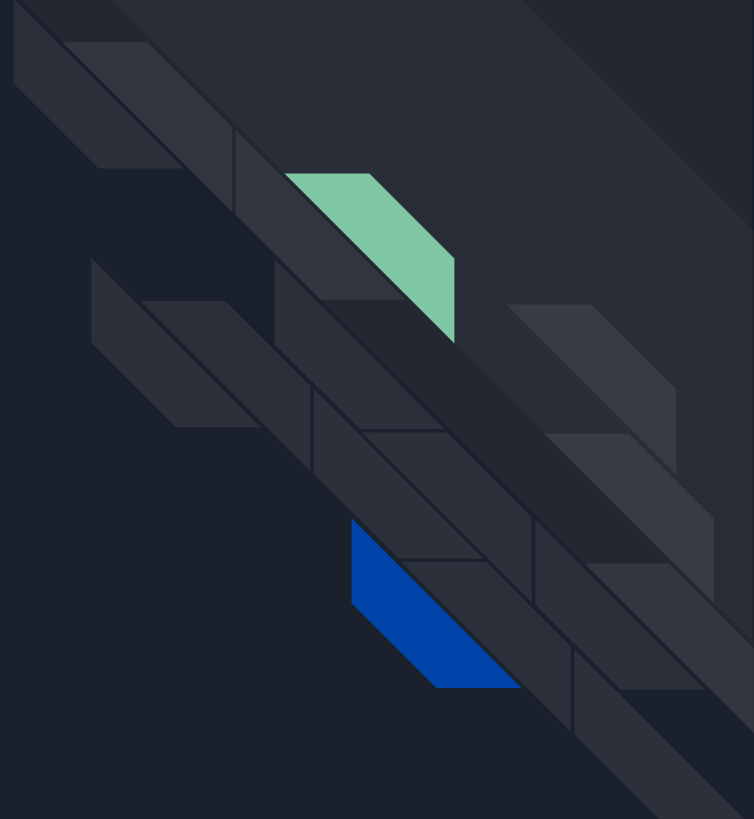
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# Academics while in High School

01

GPA - 3.5 or higher is ideal Private Colleges give scholarships on how you perform in the classroom (3.0 MINIMUM you should have) **If you can't get in academically you won't be able to swim athletically!**

02

Test Scores (ACT/SAT) - Not necessarily needed as they are becoming optional for some schools but a safe score to have would be a 24 (ACT) or a 1200 (SAT) Some schools want higher and some schools will take lower so do your research on your schools

03

College Coach Laura (Florida Tech Assistant Coach) - "The more academic money we can get kids the better deal we can make with overall scholarship!"




# How to start the recruiting process

- **You should reach out to 3-5 schools on the tier list:**
  - **Reach** (extremely fast and low chance of getting on)
  - **Probable** (You'd be middle of the pack and have medium chance of getting on)
  - **Safe** (You'd be one of (if not THE) fastest swimmers)
  
- Begin Junior year at the earliest. You can start sophomore year but not all coaches will talk with you that year as they are focused on Juniors and Seniors
- Create your NCAA Eligibility Center account
- Create your swimcloud.com account
- Fill out Recruiting Questionnaire
- Email the Assistant Coach
- Recruiting Agencies (optional)

# Schools will talk if you can score or have a possibility of scoring!

When looking at schools in the different tier list you will typically get responses from schools where you can score top 16 at their conference meet. This is an example email that one of my buddies received. If you can't score at their conference meet it may be harder to get responses but if they believe you can drop time or have an amazing season with drops you have a good chance of getting a response!



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Hey William!

My name is Kyle Walthall, and I am the Recruiting Coordinator and Assistant Coach for Ashland University Swimming and Diving. I am emailing you because you might just be the Middle Distance Freestyler we are looking for!

Ashland University is a medium-sized Division II University located in Ashland, Ohio. We are a liberal arts school with several unique majors, programs, and opportunities. As a university, we strive to build a great balance between success in athletics and success in the classroom!

We are looking for swimmers who can score in our conference in their first year or two. I have highlighted some of your events below where you would clearly make an immediate impact for us. As you can see, we are VERY interested in you!

If you are interested in our program, please fill out our [Recruit Questionnaire](#). We want to hear from you, and the more you speak with us, the more we will be watching you!

Men's GLIAC Scoring Times

Event	Winner	8th	16th
50 Free	20.28	21.17	21.55
100 Free	44.38	46.9	47.03
200 Free	1:38.90	1:42.36	1:45.87
500 Free	4:29.80	4:41.29	4:57.15
1000 Free	9:19.96	9:36.99	10:06.23
1650 Free	15:43.43	16:18.25	16:57.72
100 Back	47.55	51.00	52.86
200 Back	1:44.00	1:53.23	2:01.35
100 Breast	53.97	57.12	1:01.15
200 Breast	1:56.63	2:07.25	2:18.63
100 Fly	48.11	50.24	51.68
200 Fly	1:48.40	1:53.69	2:01.01
200 IM	1:47.81	1:53.11	1:56.43
400 IM	3:51.49	4:04.44	4:16.05

Please note we are looking for more than just fast swimming - a good fit for you and for our team are very important. Ashland University offers a unique academic experience with small class sizes, professors that truly offer their individual time and a commitment to give hands-on real world experience to students even in introductory courses. You will not find this kind of academic experience at a large state institution. In addition, we have a strong family environment on our team and are looking for the same in our incoming recruits.

I look forward to hearing back from you!  
Kyle Walthall

Assistant Coach  
Recruiting Coordinator  
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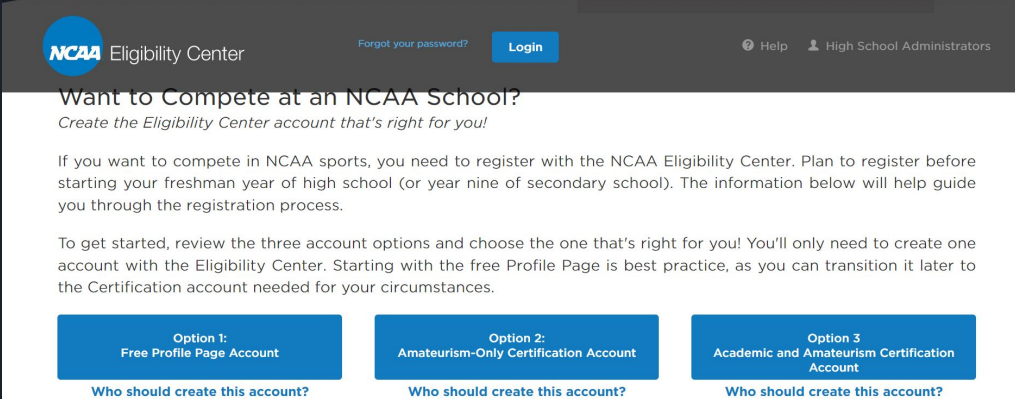
# NCAA Eligibility Center

Should be the first thing you are going to do in the recruiting process. I have the link here and if you forget it you can search “NCAA Eligibility Center” and it should pop up.

You’ll need to register for an account and the free account should work for you. It is very self explanatory on the website.

If you have any questions let me know. I haven’t touched it since I was in high school but would be glad to help

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. It includes the NCAA logo, the text "Eligibility Center", a "Forgot your password?" link, a "Login" button, and links for "Help" and "High School Administrators".

## Want to Compete at an NCAA School?

*Create the Eligibility Center account that's right for you!*

If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Plan to register before starting your freshman year of high school (or year nine of secondary school). The information below will help guide you through the registration process.

To get started, review the three account options and choose the one that's right for you! You'll only need to create one account with the Eligibility Center. Starting with the free Profile Page is best practice, as you can transition it later to the Certification account needed for your circumstances.

<p><b>Option 1:</b> Free Profile Page Account</p> <p><a href="#">Who should create this account?</a></p>	<p><b>Option 2:</b> Amateurism-Only Certification Account</p> <p><a href="#">Who should create this account?</a></p>	<p><b>Option 3:</b> Academic and Amateurism Certification Account</p> <p><a href="#">Who should create this account?</a></p>
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The logo for SwimCloud.com, featuring a blue and green geometric shape on the left side of the page.

# SwimCloud.com Account

## REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT

Go to [swimcloud.com](http://swimcloud.com) and register for a free account. Go to website, select “Register” in the top right. Click on swimmer as your option (parents may select fans if they want to follow college teams) And register your account with your PERSONAL EMAIL. I can no longer view the swimmer side since I am a coach or I would have screenshots. There is a ton to view so go through swim cloud while signed in and don't be scared to click around.

## YOU CAN VIEW RANKINGS

You can view how you are ranked in your class, what your power index is and more. Don't lose sleep over the numbers/rankings as sometimes they prioritize distance swimmers and some years they prioritize sprinters. Your rankings will also vary based on how college swimming performs (faster swims in college could decrease your ranking) You can view this here

## Worldwide results



**NCAA Division II Championship**

Mar 7–11, 2023 • Indianapolis, IN



**11ème Meeting Open Méditerranée**

Mar 11–12, 2023 • MARSEILLE, FRA



**CSCAA National Invitational Championship**

Mar 9–11, 2023 • Elkhart, IN



**NIC Time Trials**

Mar 9–10, 2023 • Elkhart, IN



**Speedo Sectionals - Cary**

Mar 9–12, 2023 • Raleigh, NC



**Speedo Sectionals - Columbia**

Mar 9–12, 2023 • Columbia, MO



**Dubrava Zagreb open 2023, HEP miting**

Mar 11–12, 2023 • Zagreb, CRO



**Speedo Sectionals - Federal Way**

Mar 9–12, 2023 • Federal Way, WA



**MHSAA Boys Division 1 State Championships**

Mar 10–11, 2023 • Grand Rapids, MI



**ISI Senior Short Course Championships**

Mar 9–12, 2023 • Indianapolis, IN



**Florida Swimming Spring Senior Championship**

Mar 9–12, 2023 • Orlando, FL



**MHSAA Boys Division 2 State Championships**

Mar 10–11, 2023 • Holland, MI



**Speedo Sectionals - Fargo**

Mar 9–12, 2023 • West Fargo, ND



**MHSAA Boys Division 3 State Championships**

Mar 10–11, 2023 • Rochester, MI



**GA Swim Atlanta Best of the South**

Mar 10–12, 2023 • Atlanta, GA



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# Recruiting Questionnaires

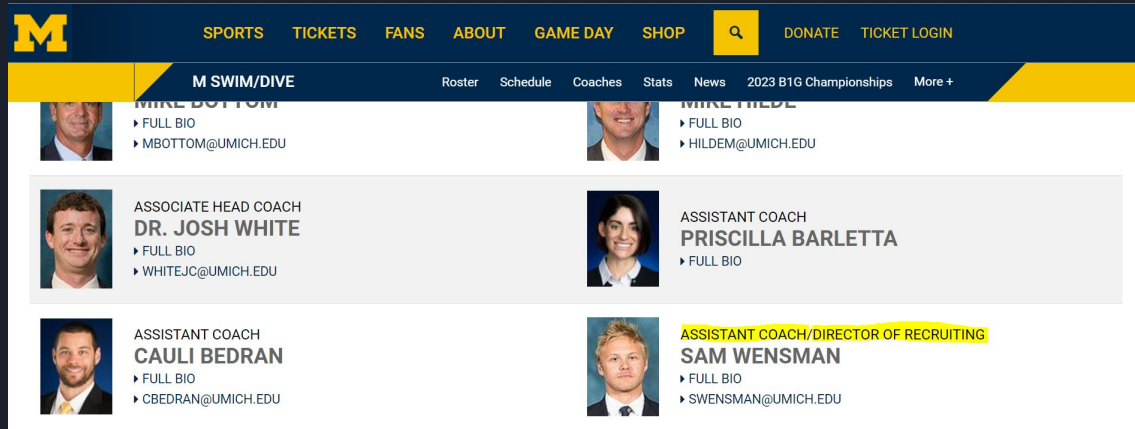
You should be filling out Recruiting Questionnaires to almost all colleges you are interested in. This can be your Safe schools, Interested Schools, and Reach Schools. I suggest filling one out and copying all the information in a word doc so you can copy and paste it all. These can be different for each school so just a heads up! (Michigan for Derek)

The screenshot shows the MSU sports website at [mgoblue.com/sports/mens-swimming-and-diving](https://mgoblue.com/sports/mens-swimming-and-diving). The page features a navigation bar with categories like SPORTS, TICKETS, FANS, ABOUT, GAME DAY, SHOP, DONATE, and TICKET LOGIN. Below this is a section for 'M SWIM/DIVE' with a dropdown menu open, listing options such as Archive, Free Admission, Recruits, Camps, **Recruit Questionnaire** (highlighted), and Related Links. The background of the page shows a swimmer in a blue cap and goggles, and a banner for IHOP with the slogan 'GO BLUE™. GO EAT. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE SWEET & SAVORY CREPES'. There is also a banner for 'Sign up for This Week in Michigan Athletics' and an 'EVENT' section for 'Championships' on Mar. 22 - TBA.

# “Sales Pitch” Email to Assistant Coach

If you are REALLY interested in a school and are not hearing anything from them you should send a “Sales Pitch” Email so they know you are interested. This should only be about 2 paragraphs long and should include how long you’ve been swimming, where you are from (city and team wise) include your coach, what you swim, and what you intend to study. I have some examples later to review

NOTE: Most college coaches are looking for swimmers who can score at their conference meet. You will have a higher chance of getting a response from a college coach if you are able to score at their conference meet



The screenshot shows the University of Michigan's swim and dive coaching staff page. The page features a blue header with the 'M' logo and navigation links for Sports, Tickets, Fans, About, Game Day, Shop, Donate, and Ticket Login. Below the header, the page is titled 'M SWIM/DIVE' and includes sub-navigation for Roster, Schedule, Coaches, Stats, News, 2023 B1G Championships, and More+. The main content area displays a grid of coaching staff members, each with a headshot, name, title, and contact information. The names of the coaches are: Mike Bottom, Mike Hilde, Dr. Josh White, Priscilla Barletta, Cauli Bedran, and Sam Wensman. The title for Sam Wensman, 'ASSISTANT COACH/DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING', is highlighted in yellow.

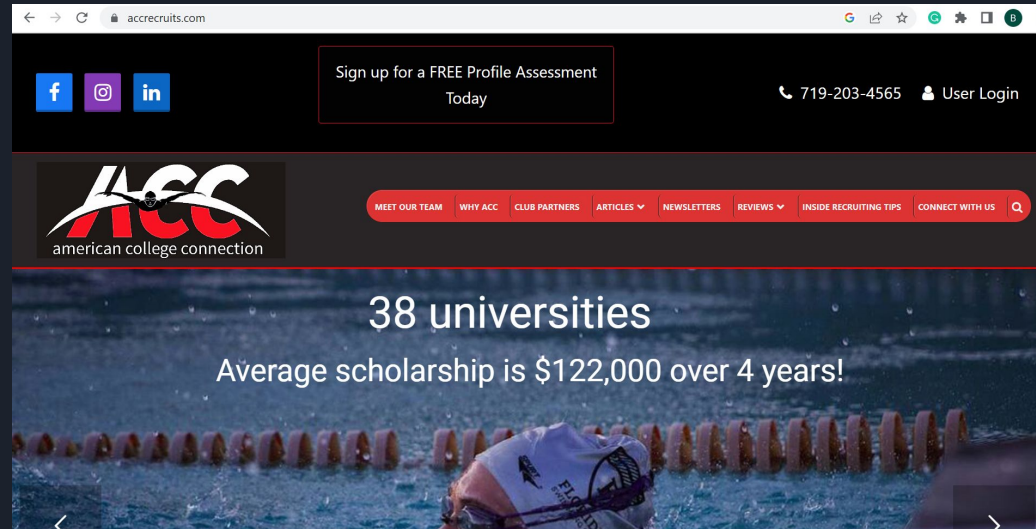
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MIKE HILDE		HILDEM@UMICH.EDU
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# Recruiting Agencies

Accrecruits.com

NCSA.com

You may be able to go through recruiting agencies if you would like but will most likely have to pay for these. I do not know anybody personally who has used one but talking with Laura she said she gets emails and ACCRecruits is a solid one if you were to try one. She also noted they are not necessary if you are willing to do the work



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# What are you looking for in college?

This will mostly be for you to decide but the main question that you should be thinking is:

## **If I were to have a career-ending injury, would I still want to go there?**

Swimming is a sport at the end of the day and you are going for school. If you do not enjoy being there outside of swimming you may not want to be there for long so please consider it and don't be afraid to go on college visits before you commit to a school.

Other things to consider may (or may not) be:

Would I like to live there? (do you care about the weather?)

Am I comfortable with being far away from home? (Will you be homesick and/or would you be comfortable flying home or driving home?)

Training Wise - Do you want to be the fastest on the team or do you want other people on your team who are faster than you?

# Questions? Some connections below



Coach Laura - Florida Tech



Cooper Williams - University of Maine Swimmer



Connor Davis - Wheaton College Swimmer



Cameron Jones - OSU Club Swimmer

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