

# COLLEGE RECRUITING TIPS

## **Decide generally what you'd like to do With YOUR Life.**

Even if you get an offer to play at a particular school, if they don't have your major, it will be a waste of four years. Many high schools use Xello to help students assess their interests. If you haven't heard of it, ask your high school counselor. These Xello results can give you a place to start.

## **Decide what you'd like YOUR college experience to be like.**

Big, Division I schools may have a lot of clout, but volleyball will rule your schedule and you might not play as much as you'd like. Small schools might not be as glamorous, but they offer variety and more opportunities. Do you want your parents to be able to come watch you a lot? Do you want to go far from home and stretch out on your own? Do you want to be a part of an elite team that may travel a lot? Do you want to have several different experiences in college in a variety of areas? Do you want to play more than one sport? Do you want to play all the way around/play a lot? Are you comfortable with red-shirting or a smaller amount of playing time? Do you want to have classes that have 100+ students? Do you want to know a lot of people?

**FILL OUT tons of recruitment questionnaires.** Go to the websites of the prospective schools (that have your major) and fill out their recruit questionnaire on their athletic webpages. There are just so many athletes that, unless you're 6'5" and Division I material, the college coach you want to find you will find you. Filling out their questionnaires will put you on their radar. You'll need your reach, vertical, etc. I have that data, and have put it onto your FieldLevel profile. Or you can ask me. If you've narrowed down your search to just a few, try to go to one of their camps on their campus. You'll get to meet the coaches and their coaching style.

**DEVELOP a fieldlevel profile and go to recruiting combines.** I have started one for you, and sent you a link to join. You fill out what you're looking for in a college and the rest of the specifics. College coaches can search for athletes who match your descriptors. Next College Student Athlete (NCSA) is also a good place to build a profile that college coaches can find.

**CREATE a highlight film.** If your high school uses HUDL, this is the easiest way. If not, you'll need game footage and a software to piece it together in. There are video creation apps, and I can help if you need me to. Even if you have to pay someone to do it, an eventual scholarship will be worth it. If game film is not available, footage of practice or drills will have to do.

**REGISTER FOR the ncaa/naia clearinghouse.** This is the official registration you need to be able to play in college. If you don't know what level you'll end up, do them both. Your high school guidance counselor will have more information for you.

**GET YOUR academics in order.** If your academic portfolio is not stellar, try to bring it up and finish strong. If you've gotten decent grades so far, make sure you finish it your high school career well. Use the opportunities available to take classes that help you stand out from other applicants, like journalism or debate, and stay away from classes that are more like jokes. Do take weights. Make sure to take the ACT or SAT, and continue to take it until you get a score you're content with. Some schools have hard limits on academics and won't even look at you if you won't excel in the classroom. If you haven't had a great high school academic career, a junior college would be the most forgiving.

If you play D1 you're a stud.  
If you play D2 you're a stud.  
If you play D3 you're a stud.  
If you play NAIA you're a stud.  
If you play at a JUCO you're a stud.  
ONLY 7% OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES become college athletes, it doesn't matter what level you're at.  
Be proud, BE GRATEFUL!!

## SELECT AREA COLLEGES

College	Level	Location	Avg cost after aid	2018-19 enrollment
Cloud County	juco, 2-yr	Concordia, KS	\$10,000	1,108
Allen County	juco, 2-yr	Iola, KS	\$7,760	1,320
Butler Community	juco, 2-yr	El Dorado, KS	\$14,000	6,850
Coffeyville Community	juco, 2-yr	Coffeyville, KS	\$5,377	1,045
Barton Community	juco, 2-yr	Great Bend, KS	\$8,792	2,360
Cowley County	juco, 2-yr	Arkansas City, KS	\$7,908	1,815
Kansas City Kansas Community	juco, 2-yr	Kansas City, KS	\$16,000	3,750
Highland Community	juco, 2-yr	Highland, KS	\$7,350	1,500
Fort Scott Community	juco, 2-yr	Fort Scott, KS	\$5,178	1,115
Neosho County	juco, 2-yr	Chanute, KS	\$8,550	1,050
Hutchinson Community	juco, 2-yr	Hutchinson, KS	\$7,900	3,230
Dodge City Community	juco, 2-yr	Dodge City, KS	\$4,500	1,400
Johnson County	juco, 2-yr	Overland Park, KS	\$13,000	11,000
Independence Community	juco, 2-yr	Independence, KS	\$5,800	500
Garden City Community	juco, 2-yr	Garden City, KS	\$4,800	1,500
Labette Community	juco, 2-yr	Parsons, KS	\$5,700	1,500
Pratt Community	juco, 2-yr	Pratt, KS	\$7,000	600
Seward County	juco, 2-yr	Liberal, KS	\$5,200	1,100
Hesston College	juco, 2-yr	Hesston, KS	\$21,000	400
Kansas Christian College	juco, 2-yr	Overland Park, KS	\$10,000	150
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	juco, 2-yr	Miami, OK	\$9,000	1,500
Lamar Community	juco, 2-yr	Lamar, CO	\$11,000	525
Haskell Indian Nations University	NAIA	Lawrence, KS	\$2,800	785
KU	NCAA-DI	Lawrence, KS	\$19,000	19,000
Baker University	NAIA	Baldwin City, KS	\$23,000	1,400
KSU	NCAA-DI	Manhattan, KS	\$18,000	17,000
Emporia State	NCAA-DII	Emporia, KS	\$15,000	3,200
Benedictine	NAIA	Atchison, KS	\$23,000	2,000
Pittsburg State	NCAA-DII	Pittsburg, KS	\$14,000	4,900
Wichita State	NCAA-DI	Wichita, KS	\$14,000	11,100
Fort Hays State	NCAA-DII	Hays, KS	\$12,000	12,900
Bethany College	NAIA	Lindsborg, KS	\$23,000	760
MidAmerica Nazarene	NAIA	Olathe, KS	\$26,000	1,100
Central Christian	NAIA	McPherson, KS	\$14,000	600
Bethel College	NAIA	North Newton, KS	\$22,000	450
Barclay College	NAIA	Haviland, KS	\$23,000	200
Friends University	NAIA	Wichita, KS	\$21,000	1,000
Newman University	NCAA-DII	Wichita, KS	\$16,000	1,000
Kansas Wesleyan	NAIA	Salina, KS	\$22,000	650
McPherson College	NAIA	McPherson, KS	\$24,000	760
Washburn University	NCAA-DII	Topeka, KS	\$14,000	4,500
Tabor College	NAIA	Hillsboro, KS	\$24,000	520
University of St. Mary	NAIA	Leavenworth, KS	\$21,000	760
Ottawa University	NAIA	Ottawa, KS	\$25,000	3,500
Sterling College	NAIA	Sterling, KS	\$20,000	560
Southwestern College	NAIA	Winfield, KS	\$24,000	1,300
Manhattan Christian College	NAIA	Manhattan, KS	\$25,000	175
Rockhurst University	NCAA-DII	Kansas City, MO	\$21,000	1,500
William Jewell College	NCAA-DII	Liberty, MO	\$27,000	750
Park University	NAIA	Parkville, MO	\$16,000	9,100
Missouri Western State	NCAA-DII	St. Joseph, MO	\$11,000	4,100
Northwestern Okla State	NCAA-DII	Alva, OK	\$9,800	1,500