Friday, October 10, 2025

Application for NAIA Membership

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NAIA membership applications are considered two times per year, at the fall and spring meetings of the NAIA Council of Presidents (COP). To be considered, completed applications must be received in the NAIA national office by one of the following deadlines:

Primary Cycle: April 15

Secondary Cycle: October 15

Submit to: NAIA, VP Membership Recruitment and Retention (Nick Davidson) - See instructions on the last page.

*You may save your progress and return to complete the application at any time. Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure all required fields are completed. At the end of the form, three separate signatures are required—one each from the President, Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), and Athletics Director. Each signer will receive an email prompt to review and sign in the correct order. Signatures are collected independently and tracked using designated names and email addresses to ensure proper routing and completion.

Please Note: All fields on this form are **REQUIRED** unless otherwise noted if applicable.

Important Email Guidance:

1. Add membership@naia.org and noreply@jotform.com to your email contacts or safe sender list to avoid emails being marked as spam.
2. If you experience any issues receiving an email, please contact Nick Davidson (ndavidson@naia.org) or Todd Stutzman(tstutzman@naia.org) at for assistance.

General Information

Name of Institution:	Nevada State University
IPED #:	441900
Year of Establishment:	2002
Physical Address:	1300 Nevada State Drive Henderson, NV, 89002
Mailing Address:	1300 Nevada State Drive Henderson, NV, 89002

Main Campus Phone Number:	(702) 992-2000
Web Address:	nevadastate.edu
Type of Institution:	Public
Application Cycle:	Secondary- October 15
Calendar System:	Semester
Religous Affiliation:	NA
Link to your institution's academic calendar:	https://nevadastate.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/

Does your institution have any programs that allow students to take courses at a different/branch location, but compete at your institution? If so explain:

No

What year did your institution begin sponsoring varsity intercollegiate athletics for four-year, degree-seeking undergraduates?	2025-2026
Has your institution continued to sponsor varsity athletics for four-year undergraduates since that time?	Yes
Under what other circumstances (eg., two-year college) has your institution conducted athletics (include dates)?	2025-2026 will be the first year we have conducted varsity athletics with Women's Flag Football

Athletics Affiliation

Athletics Affiliation NAIA Membership Category Desired:	Full Membership – Four-year, degree-granting institution that is fully accredited by one of the U.S. accrediting agencies listed in the NAIA Bylaws (for Canadian institutions, commensurate accrediting body).
Was your institution a member of the NAIA previously?	No
Current athletic association memberships:	N/A
Does your institution have a letter of support from an NAIA athletic conference member?	Yes

If so, which NAIA conference?

GSAC member Arizona Christian University AD provided letter of support for NAIA membership, we are still in communication with GSAC Commissioner and COP for continued discussions. Clicked Yes to allow attachment from ACU AD to be attached. We hope to get GSAC Conference support.

Please upload your NAIA conference letter of Support if applicable

PDF Nevada State letter - Peter Dreyer ACU.pdf

Athletics Oversight

To whom does the athletics department report?

VP of Student Affairs - Dr. Stefanie Coleman

Does your institution have an athletics advisory committee?

Yes

If yes, list committee members and describe the primary function of the committee.

Kerry Bubolz - President & Chief Executive Officer/Vegas Golden Knights,
Anthony Gladney - Vice President of Diversity Equity & Inclusion/MGM Resorts International
Myles Hayes- Director of Football Development/Las Vegas Raiders
Brian Klevin-LV Market Chief Financial Officer/Dignity Health
Lisa Motley - Former Vice President of Sports & Special Events/LV Convention and Visitors Athority
Zakkiyyah Salaam- Director of Early Learning & Community Impact/Leadership Institute of Nevada
Travis Turner- Founder and CEO/Luxe Lifestyle Managers

Covenor- Dr. Stefanie Coleman -Vice President of Student Affairs/ Nevada State University
Ex-Officio - Bob Wilson- Athletic Liason/Nevada State University

Reasons for seeking NAIA membership:

Please explain why you have chosen to apply for NAIA membership, including how you believe NAIA membership will benefit your school and its athletic program. Please be specific.

Nevada State University is seeking NAIA membership to align with an organization that values character, academic excellence, and the holistic development of student-athletes. NAIA membership will directly benefit our institution by providing a nationally recognized platform of competition that reflects our mission of preparing students not only for success in the classroom and on the field, but also as leaders within their communities.

For our athletic program, NAIA membership offers a structure of governance, compliance, and championship opportunities that will support our student-athletes as they pursue excellence. It will allows us to compete against peer institutions while reinforcing the importance of integrity, sportsmanship, and academic achievement. For Nevada State University as a whole, NAIA affiliation enhances the student experience, strengthens school spirit, and expands our ability to recruit and retain talented individuals who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to further their education through sport.

Southern Nevada is experiencing unprecedented growth in athletics, from youth leagues to professional franchises, and our university is proud to contribute to this thriving sports landscape. By joining the NAIA,

Nevada State University will create increased opportunities for students to pursue higher education while developing the skills, discipline, and resilience that athletics instills. In doing so, we will help shape future leaders who can positively impact their professions, families, and neighborhoods.

What value will your school bring to the NAIA if it becomes a member? Please explain why (geography, competitiveness, academic excellence, etc.).

With the rapid increase of youth sports, the arrival of multiple professional sports teams, and the overall enthusiasm for sport in the Southern Nevada community, our region is uniquely positioned to support the expansion of collegiate athletics. NSU stands ready to meet this moment by offering competitive opportunities that strengthen the student-athlete experience, while also serving as an attractive destination for visiting teams given our location's ease of travel and accessibility.

NSU Athletics will bring significant value to the NAIA by contributing a committed and visionary program backed by strong campus leadership, engaged community partners, and the guidance of its Inaugural Director of Athletics, who has a proven record of building student-centered athletic success. Located in Southern Nevada, the university offers an optimal hub for travel and competition, providing member institutions with expanded opportunities for scheduling, recruiting, and regional exposure.

As the only university in Nevada to sponsor women's flag football and men's track and field, Nevada State is proud to expand opportunities for student-athletes and grow the athletic landscape in our state. The university is deeply committed to fostering academic excellence and ensuring comprehensive support systems that allow student-athletes to thrive both in the classroom and in competition.

Our athletic vision extends beyond our inaugural sports. Nevada State intends to expand its offerings to include women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track, and men's cross country, indoor and outdoor track. Additionally, we will explore the addition of other sports that will be guided by the input of our campus and community, ensuring they align with what Southern Nevada values and needs most from its only four-year state university dedicated to growing athletic opportunities.

With a clear focus on education, leadership, and opportunity, NSU Athletics will bring both immediate and long-term value to the NAIA. Our pioneering spirit, commitment to excellence, and alignment with the NAIA's mission position us to be a strong and collaborative member, contributing meaningfully to the continued growth of intercollegiate athletics.

Accreditation

Accrediting agency:	Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (NWCCU)
Current accreditation status:	Accredited
Expiration date of current accreditation:	Saturday, January 30, 2027

Student Enrollment Profile (please submit data from the most recent completed academic year):

*Full Time Enrollment - 12 hours or more / ** Full Time Equivalent

Indicate academic year for which the following data is reported:	2024

Total fall term undergraduate FT enrollment* (traditional students):	460
Total fall term undergraduate FTE (traditional students):**	482
Total fall term graduate FT enrollment*:	42
Total fall term graduate FTE:**	57

For New Enrollees in Fall Term:

# Freshmen:	527
# Transfer students:	494
# Re-admits:	120
Average SAT:	NA
Average ACT:	NA
# National Merit finalists:	NA
Percent male:	23%
Percent female:	77%
Percent ethnic minorities:	79%

For The Student Body as a Whole:

Average SAT:	NA
Average ACT:	NA
# National Merit Finalists:	NA
Percent male:	28%
Percent female:	72%
Percent ethnic minorities:	71%

For Student-Athletes (use estimates for the current academic year):

# Total:	48
# Freshmen:	37
# Transfer:	11

Graduation Rate (based on IPED report)

Indicate academic years included in cohort for the following data:	2019-2020
Undergraduate student body six-year graduation rate for this cohort:	36%
Student-athlete graduation rate for this cohort:	NA

Retention Rate

A measure of the rate at which students persist in their educational program at an institution, expressed as a percentage. For four-year institutions, this is the percentage of first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduates from the previous fall who are again enrolled in the current fall.

Rate:	79%
Indicate academic years:	2024-25 (IPEDS)

Administration and Faculty

President/ Chancellor:	Amber Lopez Lasater
President's Phone:	(702) 992-2354
President's Email:	amber.lopezlasater@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	2 months as Officer In Charge
Prior Position:	NSU Chief of Staff

Senior administrator outside athletics with direct oversight of athletics:

Name:	Dr. Stefanie Coleman
Title:	VP Student Affairs

Phone:	(702) 992-2511
Email:	stefanie.coleman@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	6
Prior Position:	Director of First Year Experience /Prairie State College
Athletics Director:	Yvonne Wade
Athletics Director's Phone:	(702) 992-2092
Athletics Director's Email:	yvonne.wade@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	4 months
Prior Position:	Athletic Director/College of Southern Nevada
Faculty Athletics Representative:	Cheryl Perna
Department Title:	College of Nursing/Senior Lecturer
Faculty Athletics Representative's Phone:	(702) 992-2869
Faculty Athletics Representative's Email:	cheryl.perna@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	5
Prior Position:	Nursing faculty/UNLV
Chief Financial Officer:	Dr. Gloria Walker
Phone:	(702) 993-2312
Email:	gloria.walker@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	2
Title IX Compliance Officer:	Steven Kenney
Phone:	(702) 992-2322
Email:	steven.kenney@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	1

Registrar:	Rolando Flores
Phone:	(702) 992-2119
Email:	rolando.flores@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	3 months
Director of Admissions:	Andrea Martin
Phone:	(702) 992-2503
Email:	andrea.martin@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	15
Sports Information Director:	Nick Claus
Phone:	(702) 992-2365
Email:	nick.claus@nevadastate.edu
Years served in current position:	6 months

Additional Mandatory Information for Submission with Application

All required materials must now be submitted online as part of the NAIA Membership Application process. Please clearly label each file with the document title. Documents must be submitted digitally through the JotForm application portal below. If you have any technical issues please reach out to the NAIA Membership Sales team for assistance at 816-595-8103 or tstutzman@naia.org. File types accepted include: pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, csv, txt, rtf, html, zip, mp3, wma, mpg, flv, avi, jpg, jpeg, png, gif.

1. Please submit the following documents below related to the institution's academic profile.

One copy of the institution's current mission statement

PDF Nevada State University Mission State... .pdf

One copy of the institution's most recent accreditation review including: Institution's self-study report

PDF Most recent accreditation self-study r... .pdf

Accreditation team's full response.

Accreditation team full response (pee… .pdf

Accreditation agency's determination status (including any warnings, corrective actions, conditions and accreditation status.)

Accreditation agency's determination … .pdf

One copy of the institution's current catalog

2025-2026 Undergraduate Catalog.pdf

2025-2026 Graduate Catalog.pdf

Athletic Policy Handbook

2025-2026 Student Athlete Manual.pdf

Admissions Viewbook

2025 NSU Admissions Viewbook.pdf

Current Sample or Redacted Institution Transcript

NSU Official Transcript Sample.pdf

2. Please submit below the most recent two years' overall line-item revenues and expenditures for athletics, *including* amounts for personnel, travel, recruiting and athletics grants reported on a *sport-by-sport* basis. Feel free to use this Sample Departmental Financial Report as a guide or template when completing your own.

**If you choose to use the sample report, please download the document from the link, complete and save it, then re-upload it using the Dropbox below.

Most Recent Year

Athletics Budget for NAIA 5yr.xlsx

3. Please submit independently audited financial statements including revenues and expenditures and management letter for the institution as a whole for the *two* most recent fiscal years.

Most Recent Year

NSHE Financial Statements - June 30, ….pdf

Most Recent Year

NSHE Financial Statements - June 30, ….pdf

Second Most Recent Year

NSHE Financial Statements - June 30, ….pdf

4. Please submit the institution's strategic plan or business plan for intercollegiate athletics — or other documentation to serve as evidence of institutional planning related to intercollegiate athletics that includes the involvement and support of senior administrators.

Strategic plan or business plan for intercollegiate athletics

NSU Athletics Strategic Plan 2025-2030.pdf

5. Please submit Current Sport Sponsorship: For each varsity sport currently sponsored, list the sport (list each men's and women's sport separately) and provide the following information: SAMPLE Current Sport Sponsorship

-Number of years the sport has been sponsored at the varsity level

-Number of students participating in the sport

-Location and condition (including age) of practice and game facilities. If facilities are located off campus, describe the location (e.g., high school, private club, usage agreement) and distance from campus

-List each coach for the sport, indicating whether they are head or assistant, full- or part-time, their other responsibilities as outlined in their job description, and the number of years of collegiate coaching experience in the sport

Current Sport Sponsorship

NSU Current Sports Sponsorship.pdf

6. Please submit projected sports sponsorship: For each additional sport projected for sponsorship in the future, list the sport (list men's and women's sports separately) and describe:

-Planned dates for initial sponsorship

-Number of student-athletes projected to participate

-Location and condition (including age) of planned practice and game facilities. If facilities are located off-campus, describe the location and distance from campus.

-Coaching staff

Projected Sport Sponsorship

NSU Future Sport Sponsorship.pdf

7. Please submit description/pictures of current campus facilities (existing, under construction, or planned). If you do not own facilities, please submit copies of your long-term lease agreements of 3 to 5 years.

Pictures and description of athletic facilities



Heritage_Park3 Map PDF.pdf

Long-term lease agreements for any unowned or shared facilities

City of Henderson Field Use Agreement.pdf

Application Submission, Approval Flow & Signatures

Here's what to expect as your application moves through the NAIA review and approval process. This workflow ensures that all required institutional representatives review and sign the application in the proper sequence:

1. Designated School Representative (typically the Athletics Director) completes all sections of the form and submits it to initiate the process.

2. The President receives an email prompting them to review and digitally sign the application.

3. Once the President signs, the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) is notified via email to review and

add their signature.

4. Finally, the Athletics Director receives the completed form, conducts a final review, signs, and officially submits it.

5. Upon final submission, the NAIA Membership team receives the completed application, and all signers receive a confirmation email with a copy of the finalized form.

By signing, each individual certifies that all information provided in this application and any accompanying materials is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge.

Digital Submission Required
All application materials and supplemental documents must be submitted digitally through the official NAIA Membership Application JotForm.

-The JotForm includes a **secure upload feature.**

-Accepted file formats include: **pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, csv, txt, rtf, html, zip, mp3, wma, mpg, flv, avi, jpg, jpeg, png, gif**.

-Signatures are collected digitally within the form, and signatories will receive **email prompts** based on their assigned roles to ensure proper routing and completion.

-Once all signatures are gathered and the form is finalized, click **"Submit"** to send the application to the NAIA Membership team.

-A **confirmation email** will be automatically sent to all signers for their records.

For questions during the submission process, please contact tstutzman@naia.org.

Application Fee

The application fee is $15,000 and is due at the time of application.

- If your institution is denied a campus visit, $10,000 will be refunded.
- If your institution receives a campus visit, no refund will be issued.

A separate invoice will be sent by our Finance Department. Please make checks payable to "National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics" and indicate on the check that it is for the "Application Fee."

Mail to:

NAIA

PO Box 410244
Kansas City, Mo. 64141

Flow Activity History

Actor	Actions	Date
amber.lopezlasater@nevadastate.edu	Approve Thank you for the opportunity! Nevada State University is equally excited and committed for this next integral chapter in our institutions history. 	Saturday, October 11, 2025
cheryl.perna@nevadastate.edu	Approve 	Saturday, October 11, 2025
Yvonne Wade yvonne.wade@nevadastate.edu	Approve 	Saturday, October 11, 2025
Notification	Email sent. (NAIA Membership Application Form Has Been Submitted & Approved) amber.lopezlasater@nevadastate.edu,yvonne.wade@nevadastate.edu,cheryl.perna@nevadastate.edu,tstutzman@naia.org	Saturday, October 11, 2025

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