



Founded in 1944, the Naval Academy Athletic Foundation (formerly Athletic and Scholarship Programs) supports athletic excellence and leader development at the U.S. Naval Academy first by providing need-based funding and mentoring to Foundation preparatory school students followed by, and certainly no less important, by raising philanthropic support for Naval Academy varsity, club, and intramural sports teams through The Fund for Athletic Excellence.

Our new name better reflects the Foundation's mission to inspire philanthropic support for Naval Academy athletics rooted in the enduring belief that athletic competition develops strong leaders – for the Navy and Marine Corps and for the nation.

THE NAVAL ACADEMY ATHLETIC FOUNDATION'S original and enduring mission extends annual support to high school students recommended by the Academy's Admissions Office who are afforded the opportunity to attend a preparatory institution for one year before entering the Academy. Funding for these need-based scholarships is made possible by gifts from generous alumni and friends of the Naval Academy and is at no cost to the U.S. Government.

In the second part of its mission, The Naval Academy Athletic Foundation raises private gifts that support one of the largest undergraduate athletic programs in the nation. All midshipmen are student-athletes, and the Naval Academy hosts 36 varsity teams, 15 club sports, and intramural competition for the 4,500 members of the Brigade of Midshipmen.

96% of the funds that the Naval Academy Athletic Association (NAAA) uses to support Naval Academy athletics are private, non-federal dollars. In 2026-2027, the Naval Academy Athletic Foundation will provide \$9 million in direct support to NAAA and the Naval Academy, including support for athletics at the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, RI.

With the largest field of Division I sports in the country, the Naval Academy Athletic Foundation touches every sport, helping elevate the overall Navy athletics experience. This success is made possible by the extraordinary contributions of our alumni and supporters whose commitment allows us to build not just strong programs, but the best overall athletic program in the nation.

Under our new name, the Naval Academy Athletic Foundation remains a highly respected organization supporting the physical mission of the Naval Academy. Our aim is to inspire USNA alumni, parents, and fans to continue to support leadership development and the physical mission of the Naval Academy.

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