

National Letter of Intent

A player who is offered a scholarship, may be given the opportunity to commit to the school and the baseball program by signing their National Letter of Intent (NLI). The NLI is a binding agreement between a student-athlete and an institution. Through the NLI, the college agrees to provide the athlete with a scholarship for one academic year in exchange for the prospect's agreement to attend the college for one academic year. The NLI must be accompanied by an institutional financial aid agreement.

All colleges and universities that participate in the NLI program agree to not recruit a player once he signs an NLI with another college or university. Therefore, if you sign an NLI, you should no longer receive recruiting contacts and calls from other institutions. We also recommend that you contact the coaches at other schools that were recruiting you and let them know either by phone, email or mail that you have accepted a scholarship and signed your NLI.

It is a common misconception that all good players sign their NLI during the Early Signing Period. In fact, most players do not sign during the early signing period. So, if you don't sign or are not offered an NLI, don't be alarmed, the majority of players do not sign early.

If you are offered a scholarship and the ability to sign your NLI, weigh all of your options and make the decision that is right for you. Keep in mind that if you sign a National Letter of Intent, you are committed to attend that institution for your first year of college. If you do not attend that college or attend that college for less than one academic year, and you enroll in another college that participates in the NLI program there may be eligibility ramifications. The basic penalty may keep you from representing the second college until you have completed two academic years. You may lose two seasons of competition in all sports. Therefore, please carefully consider your options before signing your NLI.

Additional information can be obtained through the NLI Program web page:

<http://www.national-letter.org>