

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

1. What is the National Student Clearinghouse?

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is the nation's trusted source for education verification and student educational outcomes research. More than 3,300 colleges and universities, enrolling over 96% of all students in public and private U.S. institutions, participate in NSC. Participating institutions provide access to actual enrollment and degree information on each of their students to us. As a result, only the Clearinghouse can offer FERPA-compliant access to a nationwide coverage of enrollment and degree records — encompassing more than 110 million students and growing.

2. How does it work?

NCAN members may submit to NSC lists (“Request Files”) of persons in order to obtain data on their college enrollment and completion. All “Request Files” must be formatted in accordance with NSC specifications which will be provided to members as they join the umbrella. NSC compares “Request Files” with its database and will provide information on the enrollment and academic achievements of the individuals in the “Request Files” that has been provided by postsecondary institutions to the Clearinghouse.

3. How much does it cost?

NCAN members will be covered under the pricing and billing terms of the umbrella agreement between NSC and the National College Access Network (“NCAN”). The NCAN discounted price is \$0.24 per record submitted; with a minimum cost per Request File of \$425 (the \$500 new account set-up fee is being waived). NCAN members will be invoiced per request by NCAN and all payments should be made directly to NCAN.

4. What if we already have a contract with NSC?

NCAN members that have signed an individual StudentTrackerSM Agreement may use NSC’s StudentTrackerSM service for a reduced fee of \$0.24 per record submitted, with a minimum fee of \$425 per query.

5. What if we are not a member of NCAN?

If you are not an NCAN member, you should be. With hundreds of members spanning across almost every U.S. state, the NCAN is a unique and experienced resource for organizations that help underrepresented middle and high school students aspire to, apply to, enter, and succeed in college. NCAN also serves as a voice for communities dedicated to college opportunity, advocating at the national level for improved access and success for all students. NCAN makes our members’ jobs easier by providing them with readily accessible tools and resources such as this collaboration with NSC, networking connections with other leading advocates, a national perspective on college access trends and legislative developments, and periodic grant opportunities. Eighty-five percent of members find NCAN’s benefits so useful that they renew their membership year after year.

6. Who should I contact if I am interested?

For more detailed information on the NCAN-NSC collaboration and its benefits please contact be sure to Amina Anderson Pringle, Member Services Manager at pringlea@collegeaccess.org

If you are interested in becoming a member of NCAN please visit the “Join NCAN” page of the website www.collegeaccess.org or you may contact Amina Anderson Pringle, Member Services Manager at pringlea@collegeaccess.org or 202-347-4848 extension 208.