



DPF SPORTS – WHO WE ARE

With its operation based in São Paulo - Brazil and a staff of professionals who graduated from NCAA Division 1 universities with athletic and academic scholarships, DPF Sports & Exchange (Daquiprafora) is one of the leading scholarship research organizations in the world, the largest in South America.

Each year DPF Sports & Exchange assists more than 350 students and athletes to obtain scholarships in American universities, totaling approximately \$25 million dollars per year in scholarships for its clients. DPF Sports assists athletes from the following sports:

Tennis	Volleyball	Golf
Football	Swimming	Basketball
Table tennis	Fencing	Synchronized swimming

DPF Sports also works with approximately 85 tennis players per year. DPF Sports has direct contact with more than 300 US tennis programs and solid relationships with coaches. DPF Sports currently has tennis players in more than 250 different universities in the US.

In the past few years DPF Sports has assisted tennis players from other countries, such as Spain, Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Switzerland. Below is a list of Swiss tennis players we have assisted in the past years:

Orlando Battaglia - 2009	Muriel Wacker - 2010	Antoine Baroz - 2011
Danilo Casanova - 2011	Raphael Hemmeler - 2011	Roger Muri - 2011
Timo Kranz - 2011	Nicola Kusy - 2011	Michael Schweizer - 2012
Manuel Kaufmann - 2012	Michael Schweizer - 2012	Karin Hoppler - 2013
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ADVANTAGES OF DPF SPORTS

One of the largest scholarship research organizations in the world

- Since 2001, more than 1.800 students and athletes in US universities
- 85 tennis players with scholarships each year
- Clients from several countries around the world
 - Brazil / Uruguay / Argentina / Switzerland / Mexico / Ecuador / Peru /

Paraguay

- More than USD 75 million dollars in scholarships obtained since 2001

One of the world's greatest experts in US tennis scholarships

- 13 years of experience finding scholarships for tennis players
- All DPF Sports staff members graduated from US universities
- Tennis coordinators who graduated with tennis scholarships
- Professionals on the paperwork department
- We guarantee that our clients will have proposals from universities we know well
- It is very important for parents to know their child is in a nice place
- We work individually with each client - find the university that suits his/her preferences
- We care very much about the well being of our clients

Relationship with client does not end after departure to the US

- We are ready to help clients during the years they are in college
- If the student and parents have questions or problems, we are ready to help

TENNIS SCHOLARSHIPS

General Information

DPF Sports' athletic scholarship program is a customized program for tennis players interested in playing college tennis in American universities with tennis scholarships. Our tennis players receive scholarships that range from 50% to 100%, covering their expenses with tuition, housing, meals, as well as all tennis related expenses such as trips to tournaments (transportation, hotels, meals), uniforms, strings, and grips. Athletic scholarships are only offered to students pursuing their undergraduate degrees.

The main objective of the program is to find the university that best suits the needs of the client, taking into consideration factors such as:

- Tennis ability / ranking of the player
- Amount of scholarship needed
- Level of tennis of the universities
- Location of the university
- Major and area of the study the client is interested on

Our main objective is not to find the university with the best scholarship, but to find the university with the best “package” for the student. We need to find the university that offers the best conditions considering the level of the tennis team, the quality of the academic program, the location, and the amount of the scholarship. Our clients always have an average of 4-5 offers to choose from, and our tennis coordinators will work closely with the clients to help them make the best decision.

During the scholarship search and application process of the university, our staff is responsible for everything so that the player can focus on the preparation for the English tests (SAT and TOEFL) and play tennis. Everything else is administered by our staff:

- Contacts with coaches
- Registration for the English exams (SAT and TOEFL)
- Application process of the universities
- NCAA registration process
- Application for the student visa and travelling arrangements to the US

In order to enroll in the program it is necessary that the player possesses a good level of tennis, having experience on international and national level junior tournaments. The scholarship proposals will be made according to **the level of tennis** of the player and his / her scores on the SAT and TOEFL. Coaches are looking for players who will help their teams win and improve, so the level of tennis is the most important aspect they will analyze. The better the player is, the larger will be the number of offers he / she will receive.

Average amount of the scholarships

- Men's tennis

Most of the men's tennis teams have between 2 and 4 scholarships to divide among 7-9 players. If the player has a 100% scholarship, it covers tuition + housing + meals + tennis expenses.

Most universities have an annual cost between USD 30,000 and USD 45,000 a year including tuition + housing + meals + tennis expenses. So if the university costs USD 40,000 a year and the player receives a scholarship of 50%, his annual cost will be USD 20,000 a year.

Male players receive scholarships that range from 30% to 70% depending on their level of tennis. Our male clients usually have expenses in the US that range from USD 12,000 to USD 20,000 a year.

- Women's tennis

Most of the women's tennis teams have between 4 and 8 scholarships to divide among 7-9 players. If the player has a 100% scholarship, it covers tuition + housing + meals + tennis expenses.

Most universities have an annual cost between USD 30,000 and USD 45,000 a year including tuition + housing + meals + tennis expenses.

Female players receive scholarships that range from 70% to 100% depending on their level of tennis. Our female clients usually have expenses in the US that range from USD 0,000 (100%

scholarship) to USD 20,000 a year.

Price of our service

The total price for our service is EUR 3,300 and it includes the following:

- Contacts with coaches to find the best scholarship offers for the player
- Assistance during the entire preparation process
- Assistance during the entire application process with the university
- Assistance during the visa process and travelling arrangements to the US

How is the payment made?

- EUR 1,650 is paid after contract is signed. Payment is made by bank wire.
- EUR 1,650 is paid after the player receives the I-20 from the university, which is the confirmation of the total amount of the scholarship received, and that the player has been accepted to the university. Payment is made by bank wire.

ADVANTAGES OF COLLEGE TENNIS IN THE US

Find below some of the advantages of playing tennis and attending an American university:

- **The best option for players who want to play competitive tennis and study**

Tennis players who have finished their junior careers can continue to play tennis at a high level while also attending high quality universities with scholarships, and obtaining a diploma from an American university.

- **First class training and very motivated players**

Training at the universities is very serious and players are committed to improving their game. Everyone on the team has the same goals and wants to compete and win. It is a great atmosphere for players who like to train and compete.

- **Players of 300-800 ATP / WTA level (top tennis programs)**

On the top men's and women's programs most of the players on the team are at the same level as players ranked 300-800 ATP and WTA. Some college players are actually ranked inside the top 400 – 500 while still in the universities. For players interested in developing their tennis to play professionally in the future, it is a great opportunity. Many top 200 players have developed their game at US universities:

James Blake – Harvard
Benjamin Becker – Baylor
John Isner – Georgia
Robert Kendrick – Pepperdine
Kevin Kim – UCLA

Kevin Anderson – Illinois
Somdev Devvarman – Virginia
Jesse Levine – Florida
Peter Luczak – Fresno State
Rajeev Ram – Illinois

George Bastl – USC
Todd Martin – Northwestern
Bob Bryan – Stanford
Mike Bryan – Stanford
Jonas Bjorkman – Las Vegas

- **Play 12-15 weeks of futures during the year**

During the summer months (May to August) it is possible to play up to 15 weeks of futures and challengers in the US. Most of the futures in the US take place during the summer so that the college players can play these tournaments.

College tennis players **are allowed** to play as many tournaments as they want during the summer months, and they can also receive the prize money to pay for their tournament and travelling expense. Many people think that college players cannot play tournaments, but that is not correct. All the players **can** play tournaments and receive the money during the summer months.

- **Total support from the university**

The universities pay for all the training and traveling expenses for tournaments during the school year (August to May), as well as uniforms, physical therapy, doctors, and everything the players need in order to be ready to play and help the university.

The university **cannot** pay the expenses of the **summer tournaments**. During the summer each player pays his / her own expenses.

- **Top level tennis coaches**

Several universities have coaches with vast experience on the ATP / WTA tours, and who have played Grand Slams and Davis Cup.

- **Play approximately 40 singles and 40 doubles matches in 8 months (school year)**

During the school year (August to May) each player will play an average of 40-50 singles and doubles matches.

- **A lifetime experience**

The experience of playing college tennis and living 4 years in an American university is great in all aspects (tennis, academics, social life), and will be valuable after graduation, when students start looking for jobs. Companies are very interested in hiring professionals with such an international experience.

- **Having a diploma from an American University**

Having a diploma from an American university will be very valuable at your home country in the future. Nowadays, in a world as global as the one we live on, having a diploma from a foreign university and such life experience will be a valuable professional advantage.

- **Learn to speak English fluently**

After 4 years studying in an American university, you will learn to speak English fluently.

- **Work experience and internships in US companies**

Students at American universities will have opportunities to do internships and gain work experience, which will be very important in the future when looking for jobs. International students can stay in the US during the summer months working, and some of the jobs are well paid.

- **Having a tennis scholarship reduces the total cost**

With a tennis scholarship, the total cost of school, housing, meals, and tennis, might be lower than going to college in your home country, besides the fact that the life experience you will gain in the US cannot be obtained in your home country.

HOW TO GET STARTED / HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

If you are interested in playing college tennis in the US, below is more detailed information about how the process works:

1. Tennis player contacts DPF Sports (E-mail: felipe@daquiprafora.com.br) and sends the following information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Month and year when will finish high school
- Month and year when he / she plans to start college in the US
- Contact information (E-mail / Phone number)

2. Tennis coordinator from DPF Sports will contact player to obtain more information

3. Tennis player prepares evaluation video and sends to DPF Sports by mail.

- DPF Sports will provide detailed information on how to prepare the video

4. Tennis coordinator watches the video and contacts player to inform the amount of the scholarship the player is able to receive based on his / her level of tennis. When we evaluate the players, we will tell them that their annual expense in the US will be between USD 0,000 and USD 0,000. Example: Annual expense between USD 10,000 and USD 12,000 a year.

Obs.: When we inform the player about his / her yearly expense in the US, the amount includes tuition, room, meals, and all tennis related expenses (traveling, training, uniforms, strings, grips, shoes, meals on trips).

Important information about evaluation:

Depending on the level of the player (national and ITF results), the video will not be necessary in order to evaluate the level before signing contract. However, if the player does not have a lot of national and ITF results, the video is important to decide the amount of the scholarship that can be obtained for the athlete. DPF **will not** sign a contract before being 100% sure that the player is good enough to obtain a scholarship.

5. Player and family receive the evaluation of DPF Sports and decides if they will sign a contract.

6. Player informs DPF Sports that he / she wants to sign the contract and begin preparation.

7. First payment (EUR 1,650) is made to DPF Sports by bank wire. DPF Sports will provide detailed wire information.

8. Tennis coordinator prepares "Schedule of Activities" and sends email to player and parents with all the necessary information to begin the process.

9. Player prepares all the necessary documents requested by DPF Sports and begins to prepare for the SAT and TOEFL.



10. Tennis Coordinator edits the video and publishes it on the DPF Sports website to send to coaches.
11. Tennis Coordinator begins scholarship search and contacts with coaches.
12. While Tennis Coordinator searches for scholarships, DPF Sports Staff keeps in contact with client regarding test preparation, registration, documents, and payments. Tennis Coordinator keeps client informed about scholarship possibilities
13. Once Tennis Coordinator already has a few options for the player, he will contact the player to help decide which is the best option.
14. After player decides which option he / she will pursue, Tennis Coordinator will inform coach and our staff will begin to prepare all the application materials required by the school.
15. During this process the staff members will keep in contact with the client and the Tennis Coordinator will oversee the development of the paperwork process.
16. Once all the paperwork process is completed, client will receive his I-20 from the school and will make arrangements to get his / her student visa.
17. Second payment (EUR 1,650) is made to DPF Sports by bank wire. DPF Sports will provide detailed wire information.
18. After visa is ready, client will make traveling arrangements according to instructions provided by our staff.
19. Our staff will send to the client by email a complete manual with important information about his / her new life in the US, housing, tennis team, everything he / she needs to know.
20. Our staff will make arrangements with the coach to pick the athlete up in the airport.
21. Once athlete is in the US, Tennis Coordinator will keep in touch with coach to make sure everything is ok.

DPF SPORTS – FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS

When do I need to start my preparation?

Players need to start their preparation at least 10 months before the date they want to begin college in the US. The player needs all this time to prepare for the tests and repeat any test if

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necessary. With more time to work with, our coordinators can obtain more offers of scholarships for the player. It is important to prepare early because coaches offer their scholarships 6-8 months before the beginning of the school year.

When can I start the university in the US?

Tennis players can start in January or August. The school calendar in the US starts in August, but since all universities work on a semester basis, tennis player can also start in January.

IMPORTANT – Due to NCAA regulations, tennis players must begin college in the US no more than **12 months** after they finish high school in the home country.

Example 1: If the player finishes high school in June 2013, he / she must begin college in the US no later than August of 2014.

Example 2: If the player finishes high school in December 2013, he / she must begin college in the US no later than January of 2015.

Does DPF Sports guarantee a scholarship?

DPF Sports guarantees that athletes who have been evaluated will receive scholarship offers. DPF Sports only signs contracts with players who have been evaluated.

Can I play professional tournaments before college?

Yes, players can play professional tournaments during the years they are in high school and up to 12 months after they have finished high school.

After player start college in the US, they can play as many professional tournaments as they want during the summer months (May to august).

Player are allowed to receive the prize money in the tournaments to pay for their tournament and travelling expenses.

How long are the courses at the US universities?

All courses are 4 years long and the scholarships are for 4 years always.

What areas can I study in the US?

The most common areas of study are:

Business Administration	Communications	International Affairs
Marketing	Journalism	Computer Science
Economics	Physical Education	Languages
Finance	Political Science	Information Systems

Besides the areas listed above, universities have many other areas of study.

Where do I live in the university?

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There are two options.

The first and most common, especially for first year and second year students, is to live on-campus at the *Residence Halls*. Usually the rooms are for two people and are organized and clean. Usually the athletes share the room with a teammate. The students eat their meals at the school cafeteria since they do not have kitchen in the rooms.

The second option is to live out of campus in houses or apartments. This is a cheaper option since two people can live together, split the costs and they can cook their own food at home.

Which English tests do I have to take?

It is necessary that the player has an intermediate level of English before beginning the preparation for the SAT and TOEFL exams.

- SAT

The SAT is the test required by the NCAA and the universities. The test evaluates English comprehension and math. There are 3 sections (reading, writing, and math). The maximum score per section is 800 points. The total score of the test is 2400 points.

To calculate the final score, NCAA and universities require **only** the score of the reading and math sections. Students still have to take the writing section, but the score does not count toward the final score.

Adding the math and reading (800 points each), players need to have at least 900 points. But a good score, which will allow the player to have more options of scholarships is 1.000 points.

Students can take the SAT as many times as they want. Only the best score will be sent to the universities and NCAA.

The SAT is offered in the following dates:

Last week of January
First week of May

First week of June
First week of October

First week of November
First week of December

Test locations:

Adliswil
Aesch
Chesiers
Geneva
Golden

Berne
Neuchatel
Rolle
Lugano
Leysin

St. Gallen
Zuoz
Montreaux

Obs.: The test is not offered in all the locations above in all dates. In some dates of the test, only a few locations will have the test. Our coordinators will help you find the test center that is near you.

- TOEFL



The TOEFL is a test with 4 sections (grammar, reading comprehension, listening, and speaking). The TOEFL is required by the American universities to verify if the student has the necessary level of English to study in an American university. The total score is 120 and a good grade is 80. The minimum score on the TOEFL is 61 points.

The TOEFL can be taken once a month and the student chooses the date. The TOEFL is offered in many different cities in Switzerland.

Students can take the TOEFL as many times as they want. Only the best score will be sent to the universities.

What type of Swiss school diploma do I need? Do I need the Matura?

Most universities will only accept students who have finished the Matura. For this reason, if the player has finished the Matura, he / she will have more options of universities.

However, some universities may accept the “Commercial Diploma” as well.

For more detailed information, please contact us (felipe@daquiprafora.com.br)

What other expenses will I have during the process?

The EUR 3,300 will only cover DPF Sports fee to take care of the entire process. During the process athletes will have other expenses, which are listed below:

Obs. 1: All payments are made with international credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express).

Obs. 2: The dates of each payment are estimated and will vary according to the date in which the process is started with the player.

EXPENSE	AMOUNT	DATE
SAT registration – before scholarship offers	USD 85,50	Month 1
TOEFL registration – before scholarship offers	USD 215	Month 2
Translation of high school documents to English	Check in CH	Month 3 or 4
Fedex fee – Sending documents to the NCAA	USD 50	Month 4 or 5
Fedex fee – Sending documents to the university	USD 50	Month 4 or 5
NCAA registration – before scholarship offers	USD 120	Month 4 or 5
Application fee of the university – after university has been decided	USD 80 aprox.	Month 5 or 6
TOEFL score mailing fee – after university has been decided	USD 17	Month 6 or 7
SAT score mailing fee – after university has been decided	USD 36	Month 6 or 7
Fedex fee – Sending documents to WES	USD 50	Month 6 or 7
High school transcripts evaluation service (WES) – in case university requires	USD 150	Month 6 or 7
Room deposit fee of the university – after university has been decided	USD 150 aprox.	Month 8 or 9
US visa fees – Pay at US consulate in CH	USD 200 aprox.	Month 10 or 11
Airfare to the US	USD 1.200 aprox.	Month 12



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