

SHAWNEE STATE

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SHAWNEE STATE IS NOW A PROVISIONAL MEMBER OF NCAA DIVISION II AND THE MOUNTAIN EAST CONFERENCE

This expansion is a bold step toward strengthening regional ties, enhancing student life, and expanding access to Shawnee State's mission.

Competing in the MEC allows Shawnee State to build stronger connections across West Virginia, Kentucky, and southern Ohio, while increasing visibility throughout the broader Appalachian region. It also provides student-athletes with greater scholarship opportunities, higher-level competition, and more chances to represent Shawnee State on a national stage.

As we grow our athletics programs, we're offering more pathways to student engagement and success, and reinforcing the role of SSU Athletics as a source of community pride, regional impact, and school spirit.



SHAWNEE STATE ATHLETICS AT A GLANCE

Pending NCAA Division II membership acceptance, SSU will begin MEC competition in the 2026-27 academic year.

MEN'S SPORTS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- *Football (2028)
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Indoor Track & Field
- Outdoor Track & Field

CO-ED SPORTS

- Cheerleading

WOMEN'S SPORTS

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- *Flag Football (2026)
- *Lacrosse (2026)
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Indoor Track & Field
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Volleyball



MEC MAP



- SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY **BEARS**
- CONCORD UNIVERSITY **MOUNTAIN LIONS**
- DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE **SENATORS**
- FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY **FALCONS**
- FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY **BOBCATS**
- GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY **PIONEERS**
- POINT PARK UNIVERSITY **PIONEERS**
- UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON **GOLDEN EAGLES**
- WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY **HILLTOPPERS**
- WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY **YELLOW JACKETS**
- WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE **BOBCATS**
- WHEELING UNIVERSITY **CARDINALS**

MOUNTAIN EAST

LARGEST CLASS OF STUDENT ATHLETES JOIN SSU IN 2025

We are experiencing historic growth in our athletics programs, and this is just the beginning for us. Last fall, we welcomed our largest class of student-athletes, a growth of more than 29% — and we expect even more student-athletes to join our teams fall 2026 as we begin competition in the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference.

REACHING MORE STUDENTS, RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE

Shawnee State University serves students from across the country – but our community is southern Ohio, northern Kentucky, and West Virginia. More than 80% of our students come from our primary service region, which stretches from Portsmouth north to the outer belt of Columbus and west along the Ohio River to Cincinnati – as well as 15 counties across eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

We’re committed to growing access for students in these communities – and **EXPANDING OUR REACH** through new enrollment strategies that include expanded **ONLINE DEGREE OPTIONS** and expanded in-person locations.

