

UWA Designations

- **PBI (Predominantly Black Institution)**
Under Title III, Part A, section 318 of the Higher Education Act of 1963, as amended (HEA) (20U.S.c. 1059e), PBIs are defined as institutions that: 1) serve at least 1,000 undergraduate students, 2) have at least 50% low-income or first-generation degree-seeking undergraduates, 3) have an average educational and general expenditure that is low per full-time undergraduate student in comparison with other institutions offering similar instruction, and 4) enroll at least 40% African-American students. Under this designation, the University is eligible to receive funds from both competitive and formula grant programs serving PBIs.
- **MSI (Minority Serving Institution)**
MSIs are institutions of higher education that serve minority populations. As defined by the US CFR Title 34-part 637.4 a Minority Institution is an accredited college or university whose enrollment of a single minority group or a combination of minority groups as defined in this section exceeds fifty percent of the total enrollment. The Secretary verifies this information from the data on enrollments (Higher Education General Information Surveys HEGIS XIII) furnished by the institution to the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education.
- **PUI (Predominantly Undergraduate Institution)**
Defined by National Science Foundation programs as accredited colleges and universities (including two-year community colleges) that award Associate's degrees, Bachelor's degrees, and/or Master's degrees in NSF-supported fields, but have awarded 20 or fewer Ph.D./D.Sci. degrees in all NSF-supported fields during the combined previous two academic years.
- **NLGCA (Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture)**
UWA is a designated NLGCA, that allow us to waive certain matching requirements on USDA grants, as well as makes us eligible for future federal assistance through the NLGCA programs through in FY2018.
- **NCAA Division II**
Division II schools tend to be smaller public universities and many private institutions. A large minority of Division II institutions (133 schools / 42%) have fewer than 2,499 students. Division II institutions have to sponsor at least five sports for men and five for women, (or four for men and six for women), with two team sports for each gender, and each playing season represented by each gender.
- **NIRSA (National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association)**
NIRSA is an organization which regulates in various sports through the collegiate

systems across the United States. NIRSA serves students who play at the university varsity or club level in athletic sports, but do not participate in the NCAA, NAIA or other sports affiliates.

- **StormReady University**

In April 2015, UWA was named by the National Weather Service a StormReady University. This designation reflects the University's commitment to protecting students, faculty, staff, and guests on campus. This designation is valid for three years. Alabama ranks sixth in the nation for the number of StormReady designations.

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