

# **ALL ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS PROCESS...**



# OVERVIEW

- Colleges & Universities (Public/Private)
- Testing
- Admissions
- Financial Aid
- CFNC.org
- Residency Determination



# FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOL...

- Admissions
- Location
- Size
- Public / Private
- Major
- Visit (Official Visit- Visits from College Reps at JCHS)
- Don't base on **Cost Right Now...**that decision can come later.



# UNIVERSITY OF NC SYSTEM

16 Member institutions

**Minimum Admissions Requirements**

**(MAR)**

- 4 Units of English (1,2,3,4)
- 4 Units of Math (Math 1 / Math 2 / Math 3 / Math Beyond)
- 2 Units of the same foreign language
- SAT / ACT Score
- Min. GPA 2.5
- SAT R&M 880
- ACT 17

**Test Optional for Fall 2022**



# NC PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- 36 Private Institutions In NC
- Each has it own standards for admission (Range from Duke to St. Augustine)
- **SAT/ACT - Test Optional for Fall 2022**
- **May require test score for scholarships**

<https://www.charlotteagenda.com/50543/north-carolina-private-college-admissions-statistics/>



# NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 58 schools in the community college system
- College Transfer / Diploma Program
- Open Admission
- May require students to take a placement test to ensure placement into appropriate initial courses.



# COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

- October 2021
  - Support high school seniors in completing three important college enrollment steps: Residency Determination, FAFSA, and Applications
  - Many private schools will waive application fee but most UNC System schools will not waive their fees.
  - **Beware** - This date may be after the private schools scholarship deadlines.



# COLLEGE FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA (CFNC)

- All students will need to create an account at [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
- Send Transcripts
- Apply to College
- Admission Deadlines
- College Search





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## College Application Resources

Applying to college is exciting. Our practice applications, essay tips, and admissions FAQs will make you confident and ready to apply to college.

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# Applying to College

Applying to college is exciting, but you'll need to stay organized. Use the [CFNC Application Hub](#) to apply to NC colleges, send official high school transcripts, and monitor your progress in a single place. Also take advantage of our other resources and tools to help you stay on track so you meet every requirement and put your best foot forward.



## Countdown to College

Take advantage of activities to help you complete residency, FAFSA, and admission applications during NC Countdown to College.



## Get Help Paying for College

All the information you need about scholarships, grants and financial aid.

## Applications and Transcripts

[Application Hub](#) 🔒

## En Español

Podemos ayudarle en español, también.

[Como pagar por sus estudios](#)



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# Ways to Apply...

- The Common Application: [www.commonapplication.org](http://www.commonapplication.org)
  - [Schools on Common App](#)
- CFNC
- Individual School's Website



# APPLYING FOR ADMISSIONS

- Meet deadline of colleges in which you are interested
- Complete all questions accurately and completely
- Give time for people to write letter of recommendation
- Spell Check
- **Save all documents for your records**



# EXTRA CURRICULAR



- Demonstrated leadership
- Length of participation
- Accomplishments



# RECOMMENDATIONS/ESSAYS

- Speak about you as an individual... what interests and/or excites you?
- **How are you unique??** (What are you doing that others are not)
- Follow directions
- Do not simply list accomplishments (Your brag sheet should do that or it will be included on the application)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLZ0QoIoCyvmoleFru9QY8a\\_dMHEs89w9xsUEgmr4lCESmeA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLZ0QoIoCyvmoleFru9QY8a_dMHEs89w9xsUEgmr4lCESmeA/viewform)



# ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

GPA

Rigor

SAT / ACT Scores

Since test optional, only send scores if they are competitive for the school

Extra Curricular

Recommendations

Essay



# RESIDENCY DETERMINATION SERVICE (RDS)

- Centralized residency service for all students seeking in-state tuition
- Required for students seeking to be eligible for NC state grant as part of their state financial aid package
- [ncresidency.cfnc.org](http://ncresidency.cfnc.org)





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## Residency Determination Service

[COMPLETE RESIDENCY DETERMINATION](#)[CHECK YOUR STATUS](#)

### What is Residency?

The state of North Carolina partially subsidizes the cost of North Carolina public college and university tuition for all students whose domicile, or permanent legal residence, is in North Carolina. Residency determination establishes if students should have in-state or out-of-state tuition. Because North Carolina residency status is governed solely by North Carolina statute, lack of eligibility for in-state status in another state does not guarantee in-state status in North Carolina. The residency statute mandates only those who can demonstrate a minimum of twelve months of uninterrupted domicile (legal residence) in North Carolina are eligible for in-state tuition. The statute also places the burden of proof on the student to establish, by a preponderance of evidence, that they are a bona fide domiciliary rather than mere residents of North Carolina.

The Residency Determination Service (RDS) was established in coordination with the University of North Carolina (UNC), the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA), and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) as the centralized

# RDS

- Use CFNC account to login
- When complete, student receives Residency Certification Number (RCN)
- CFNC Applications- RCN auto-fills
- Common App- RCN must be entered manually



# CFNC FINANCIAL AID



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## Pay for College

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- [Pay for College: Contact Us](#)

## Resources

## Get Help Paying for College

What is financial aid? Financial aid is money that is given or borrowed to help pay for college. It can come from federal, state, local, school and private entities. North Carolina and the federal government award millions of dollars each year to help students pay for college. So where to start?

### FAFSA

#### Start With FAFSA

Always start with the FAFSA because it's necessary to determine your eligibility for federal and state financial aid.

[Get started today](#)

### Grants & Scholarships

#### Grants & Scholarships

After you've submitted your FAFSA, start looking into grants and scholarships. These are types of aid that you typically do not have to repay.

[— Learn more now](#)

## Already Have a Loan?

Get information and manage your payments

[Manage My Loan](#)



## Student Financial Aid Handbook

A guide for North Carolina students and their families about how to pay for education beyond high school.

[Student Financial Aid For North Carolinians 2021](#)



# TYPES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarships
- Grants
  - **Self Help**
- Loans
- Employment/Work Study



# STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

- Merit-based
  - academics
  - talent
  - athletic
  - others
- Need-based
  - financial considerations based on FAFSA



# NEED-BASED AID...

- Family is responsible for costs to the extent of its ability to pay college costs, even if family is not willing to pay (EFC=Expected Family Contribution)
- Provides access and choice
- Annual determination of eligibility (Must complete FAFSA each year in school)



# APPLYING FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- **OPENS OCTOBER 1st**
  - Required for all types of federal aid
  - Complete at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) on or after October 1, preceding the academic year...**Not [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com)**
  - Results sent electronically to institutions listed by student on FAFSA and to the student (if you provide your email address)
- CFNC Financial Aid Presentation- October 4 from 6:00-7:00 pm



# FAFSA ON THE WEB'S HOMEPAGE

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Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.

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Correct info • Add a school  
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)





# APPLYING FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

- The FAFSA is the application for most major state programs.

<https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/fafsasimplification/index.html>

- Other state programs may require additional forms or the College Scholarship Service PROFILE. See CFNC.org for details by program.(WF, UNC, Davidson, Elon, Duke)
  - \$25 fee to complete CSS PROFILE



# OFFERS MAY BE...

- Legitimate offers of information and assistance
  - Example: [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org)
- Misleading offers from individuals or companies trying to make money off of unsuspecting parents and students



# POTENTIAL SCAMS

- “The scholarship requires a small fee.” **Never pay a fee to get a scholarship.**
- “You are a finalist” for an award you never applied for.  
**If you did not apply, it is not a legitimate offer.**
- “You can’t get this information anywhere else.”  
**Everyone has access to the same information.**



# WHERE CAN YOU FIND TRULY FREE INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID?

- Contact College Foundation of North Carolina at [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org) or toll free at **866-866-CFNC**
  - Service of the State of North Carolina
- *The Student Guide*
  - Published by US Department of Education <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- Ask your high school counselor
- Talk to financial aid administrators at the college of your choice.
- Apply for federal financial aid at [FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov)



# SENIOR YEAR

- Narrow list of schools down and send in applications in the Fall
- Complete FAFSA beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Apply for scholarships
  - Senior Canvas Group, parent emails, individual searches, Twitter, [www.carsonguidance.weebly.com](http://www.carsonguidance.weebly.com), Senior Remind Group (@2022jchs22 to 81010)
- Stay active in school and focus on grades.



# SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Statewide organizations
- Local organizations
- Churches
- Civic Groups
- Parents' employers
- [Carsonguidance.weebly.com/scholarships.html](http://Carsonguidance.weebly.com/scholarships.html)



# RESOURCES

- Websites

- CFNC.org
- FAFSA.ed.gov
- Finaid.com
- Petersons.com
- Fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com

- Counselors

- College admissions & financial aid offices



# QUESTIONS

