



# January 2015 Scholarship Newsletter

## Remaining 2014-2015 test dates

SAT		ACT	
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>
January 24	December 29	February 7	January 9
March 14	February 13	April 18	March 13
May 2	April 6	June 13	May 8
June 6	May 8		

To sign up for the SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) / To sign up for the ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

*Remember to bring Ms. Bimson your acceptance letters and scholarship notifications as you receive them!  
YES, we want copies of them even if you aren't going to go there or accept that scholarship.*

## The 2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now OPEN at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

This is the online form that you must fill out in order to be eligible for ANY federally funded need-based grants and/or loans to help pay for college. It is FREE to fill out. If you are attending college next year, you should fill it out. You will need your parents' tax information to fill it out, and you should fill it out ASAP! Remind your parents that they should complete and turn in their W2's as soon as possible.

*A FAFSA information page is included at the end of this scholarship newsletter,  
and is also available in the counseling office.*

A complete, step-by-step guide to completing the FAFSA can be found at  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2014-15-completing-fafsa.pdf>

Do you think you will need help completing your FAFSA? CFNC is sponsoring FAFSA DAY on February 28, 2015. Financial aid representatives will be on hand at local bank branches to help you complete and submit your FAFSA. For more information and to register for this FREE opportunity, go to [CFNC.org/FAFSADAY](http://CFNC.org/FAFSADAY)

There is no deadline to fill out the FAFSA, but you should do it as soon as possible so that you can be eligible for as many financial aid opportunities as possible!



A next to a scholarship means that this is a NEW scholarship listing for this month.



## **Western Carolina University Endowed Scholarships**

**Amount: varies**

**Criteria:** Western Carolina University awards many endowed scholarships to incoming freshman. Some are merit-based and some are need-based; if you are applying for need-based scholarships, make sure you complete your FAFSA by March 1. For more information on available scholarships visit: <http://www.wcu.edu/current-students/scholarships/>

**To apply:** complete the scholarship application at <https://scholarcat.wcu.edu/Default.asp>

**Deadline: Varies but your FAFSA must be completed by March 1, 2015 to qualify for need-based scholarships.**

## **WACE National Co-op Scholarship Program**

**Amount: \$6,000 per year at applicable colleges and universities**

**Criteria:** These scholarships are available to high school seniors who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of the partner institutions: Clarkson University, SUNY Oswego, Drexel University, University of Cincinnati, Johnson and Wales, University of Mass at Lowell, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology or Merrimack College. Applicants must have a min. 3.5 GPA, be accepted to one of the institutions listed above, and complete an essay.

**To apply:** <http://waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html>

**Deadline: Varies based on college but begins November 2014-February 2015.** Early applications are encouraged.

## **JFK Profiles in Courage Essay Contest**

**Amount: National winner gets \$10,000; regional and runner ups can get \$500-\$1000**

**Criteria:** In 700-1,000 words, write an essay describing and analyzing an act of political courage by a U.S. official who served during or after 1956. Contest is open to students in grades 9-12.

**To apply:** For full details, visit: <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest>

**Deadline: Postmarked by January 5, 2015**

## **Elon University Watson Scholars Scholarship**

**Amount: Fourteen \$21,000 scholarships are awarded**

**Criteria:** These scholarships are geared towards students who will bring cultural or socioeconomic diversity to Elon. Applicants should be first generation college students, have achieved success despite hardship or unusual challenge, have not have the opportunity for enriching educational or personal experience due to personal circumstances or socioeconomic factors, and have excellent potential to benefit from an Elon education. Students should have strong academic and leadership potential. For more information visit: [http://www.elon.edu/web/admissions/FinancialAid/watson\\_odyssey.xhtml](http://www.elon.edu/web/admissions/FinancialAid/watson_odyssey.xhtml)

**To apply:** Complete your application for admission to Elon University by January 10, 2015 [www.elon.edu/apply](http://www.elon.edu/apply)  
Complete your Watson and Odyssey Scholarship Application at the same website.

**Deadline: Apply to Elon by January 10<sup>th</sup>; complete Watson Scholars application by February 10, 2015**

## **The Gates Millennium Scholars**

**Amount: One thousand scholarships will be given nationwide, that cover the full cost of unmet tuition, room and board, and fees for four years at any college or university of your choice.**

**Criteria:** Must be African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian & Pacific Islanders, or Hispanic American. Must be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States. Must have an unweighted 3.3 GPA, be enrolling for the first time in college in the fall of 2015. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities. Must meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility.

**To apply:** <http://www.gmsp.org/>

**Deadline: January 14, 2015**



### **National MS Society Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000-\$3,000

**Criteria:** These scholarships are open to seniors who have Multiple Sclerosis or have a parent with Multiple Sclerosis. Applicants should be enrolling in 2 or 4 year college or vocational-technical school and be a citizen or legal resident of the US. Completed application, transcript and verification of MS diagnosis are required.

**To apply:** <https://www.scholarsapply.org/mssociety>

**Deadline:** January 15, 2015

### **NCSHP's 2015-2016 NC Hispanic College Fund**

**Amount:** \$500-\$2,500 per year

**Criteria:** Scholarship applicants must be Seniors of Hispanic background with a min. 2.5 GPA planning to enroll in a degree or certificate program at a community college or a 2 or 4 year college/university and be committed to public service and community development. Application includes 2 letters of recommendation and an essay.

**To apply:** For full details and to apply, visit: <http://thencshp.org/programs/nc-hispanic-college-fund/>

**Deadline:** Postmarked by January 15, 2015

### **Meredith Teaching Fellows Program**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** Female students must have applied and been admitted to Meredith College, must plan to pursue a teaching license and must complete an essay, resume and reference form. Financial benefits of the program include a yearly stipend, travel abroad stipend and other institutional scholarships averaging \$14,000. Additional benefits include a mentorship, travel opportunities and monthly seminar series.

**To apply:** Print off an application at:

[http://www.meredith.edu/images/uploads/Teaching\\_Fellows\\_Freshman\\_Application.pdf](http://www.meredith.edu/images/uploads/Teaching_Fellows_Freshman_Application.pdf) or see Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office to get an application.

**Deadline:** January 15, 2015

### **WADE- the Young Women's Art and Design Exhibition**

**Amount:** \$1,000-\$40,000

**Criteria:** This art and design competition is open to young women in grades 9-12. Students must submit digitized images via email and then ship work

**To apply:** To apply and for more information visit: [www.breanau.edu/fineartshumanities/wade/](http://www.breanau.edu/fineartshumanities/wade/)

**Deadline:** January 16, 2015

### **Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships**

**Amount:** \$1,000 and up towards tuition

**Criteria:** Applicants must be a graduating senior with a 2.7 minimum GPA planning on attending a 2 or 4 year college or university. Selection is made based on financial need, community involvement, a short essay, and academic achievements and records. You will be considered for one of four possible scholarship categories: RMHC/Scholars (all students eligible), RMHC/Asia (applicants must have at least one parent of Asian-Pacific Heritage), RMHC/African American Future Achievers (must have at least one parent of African American/Caribbean Heritage), or RMHC/HACER (applicants must have at least one parent of Hispanic Heritage).

**To apply:** <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>

**Deadline:** January 20, 2015



### **Monroe-Union Breakfast Rotary**

**Amount: Varies**

**Criteria:** ANY senior who has done community service! NO GPA requirement or financial need requirement. You must write a SHORT essay (300 words) on “What have you done in the area of service to people, the community, and the world to deserve this scholarship?” There will be 1-2 winners from FHHS chosen.

**To apply:** See Ms. Bimson for an application

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by January 31, 2015**

### **NROTC Scholarship**

**Amount: up to \$180,000 for 4 years of college educations**

**Criteria:** The NROTC Scholarship provides money for college tuition and fees for students interested in the Navy, Marines or Navy Nurse Corp. A four year commitment as a Navy officer or Marine Corps officer is required after graduation. You must pass a physical fitness test as well. Minority students and females are especially encouraged to apply. For more information and to see varying requirements visit:

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx>

**To apply:** Speak with Commander Duclos (ROTC).

**Deadline: January 31, 2015.**

### **SportsQuest Playing with a Purpose Program**

**Amount: Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded**

**Criteria:** Christian Student Athletes who are in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, maintain a “C” grade average or higher and play at least one varsity level sport are eligible to apply.

**To apply:** Visit [www.playingwithpurpose.org](http://www.playingwithpurpose.org)

**Deadline: February 1, 2015**

### **NCSEAA Jagannathan Scholarship**

**Amount: Variable**

**Criteria:** Given to a graduating high school senior who will attend one of the UNC system schools. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement (usually a 3.5 GPA or higher and SAT scores of 1100 or above), financial need, extracurricular activities, leadership and community service.

**To apply:** You will need a copy of your transcript, SAT scores, an essay, and a letter of reference. You must apply through your CFNC account at [www.cfnc.org/jag](http://www.cfnc.org/jag)

**Deadline:** You must complete the electronic application AND submit your FAFSA by **February 1, 2015.**

### **America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program**

**Amount: multiple \$1,500 scholarships available**

**Criteria:** Students must reside in an eligible county (Union County qualifies), have a 2.5 GPA, and be planning on majoring in an agricultural or agriculturally related program. You will need 3 farmers to endorse your application. You do not need to be an FFA member to apply.

**To apply:** [www.growagleaders.com](http://www.growagleaders.com)

**Deadline: February 1, 2015**

### **Crumley Roberts Founder's Scholarship and Next Step Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$2,500

**Criteria:** Any North Carolina high school senior who is planning on attending a four year college or university (Founder's Scholarship) or community college (Next Step Scholarship). Applicants must have a min. 3.2 weighted GPA and two letters of recommendation. They must also write an essay of 1,000 words or less on the topic of the dangers of distracted driving.

**To apply:** Complete online applications at: <http://www.crumleyroberts.com/community/founders-scholarship-form.php> or <http://www.crumleyroberts.com/community/next-step-scholarship-form.php>

**Deadline:** All materials must be in by **February 1, 2015**.

### **NCAE Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship**

**Amount:** varies

**Criteria:** Applicants should be a NC resident enrolled in public high school and should have a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5. Application includes extracurricular activities, honors and accomplishments, a one-page essay on why you deserve the scholarship and a one-page essay on Dr. King's influence on your life. Based on financial need and academic achievement. You will also need two letters of recommendation.

**To apply:** [www.NCAE.org](http://www.NCAE.org), or [www.NCFPSC.org](http://www.NCFPSC.org), or a paper application in Ms. Bimson's office

**Deadline:** Postmarked by **February 2, 2015**.



### **Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship**

**Amount:** 47 state level scholarships valued at **\$2,000** and the chance for national level scholarships

**Criteria:** The selection of winners is based strongly on leadership qualities. Academic records, standardized test results (ACT, SAT), school recommendations, work experience, outside interests and co-curricular activities are also taken into consideration. Each student is also asked to answer an essay question: "Please explain how a person believing in you has had a positive impact on your success. What did he/she do and how did it help?" *U.S. Citizenship is NOT required to be considered for this scholarship.*

**To apply:** Go to <http://www.herffjones.com/biuscholarship>. Complete your application online and make sure to put Ms. Bimson's email address in the counselor form: [stephanie.bimson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:stephanie.bimson@ucps.k12.nc.us). One student will be nominated from Forest Hills to compete for this scholarship.

**Deadline:** Principal recommendation is necessary so please begin this process by **February 1, 2015** if interested! Applications must be completed by February 8, 2015.

### **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarships**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** The National Society of DAR has multiple scholarships available. Criteria for each scholarship differ but may include GPA, financial need, and college course of study. Some of the specific areas of study include: American History, American Government, Historic Preservation and Medical & Nursing. There is also a scholarship awarded to Native American students.

**To apply:** For full details on any of these scholarships and to apply, visit: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/general-info>

**Deadline:** Postmarked by **February 15, 2015**

### **Create a Greeting Card Scholarship Competition**

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Criteria:** Browse their website for examples. Submit any photo, artwork, or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card. Photo, art, or graphic must be your own original creation. Only 1 entry per person. National winner gets \$10,000.

**To apply:** <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

**Deadline:** **February 18, 2015**

## **North Carolina High School Athletic Association Endowed Scholarships**

**Criteria:** The NCHSAA offers a variety of scholarships, three of which are listed below.

**To apply:** For more information about each and to apply to any of them, visit: [www.nchsaa.org](http://www.nchsaa.org) and click on Scholarships and Awards.

**Deadline:** All NCHSAA scholarships are due February 14, 2015

- **Jerry McGee Endowed Scholarship**

**Amount:** two \$1,000 scholarships – one male and one female

**Criteria:** This scholarship honors student-athletes who have distinguished themselves by overcoming adversity and returned to excel beyond expectations in their sport

- **Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship**

**Amount:** two \$15000 scholarships

**Criteria:** There will be two winners of this scholarship – one male varsity wrestler and one female varsity cross country runner

- **Clary Student Medal**

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Criteria:** Any varsity athlete. Other conditions may apply – check website for full details.



## **Buick Achievers Scholarship Program**

**Amount:** 50 scholarships will be given out nationwide for up to \$25,000 per year

**Criteria:** High school seniors who plan to enroll full time at a four year college or university in 2015-16. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and participation and leadership in community in school activities. Applicants should plan to major in a field of study that focuses on science, technology, engineering, or math.

**To apply:** [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com)

**Deadline:** 5 p.m. on February 27, 2015

## **North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs (NCDVA) Scholarship**

**Amount:** Four-year scholarship at N.C. approved schools

**Criteria:** Student's parent must meet qualifying criteria. For more information visit:

<http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets/benefitslist.aspx?pid=scholarships>. Applications must include birth certificates, financial questionnaire, essay, recommendations, transcripts, and disciplinary and attendance records in addition to other items.

**To apply:** See Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office for application. NOTE: The application is extensive! Please be sure to start well enough in advance to complete it before the deadline.

**Deadline:** Before March 1, 2015

## **UNC-G Guarantee**

**Amount:** Covers the full cost of all unmet need at UNC-G

**Criteria:** UNCG Guarantee helps in-state students graduate from UNCG in four years with little or no debt as well as provides a support program to encourage academic and personal success. The university will make every attempt to meet the rest of the recipients' financial need through a combination of federal, state, university, and private grants and scholarships. Applicants must be high schools seniors accepted to UNC-Greensboro, received a combined reading/math SAT of 1000 or an ACT composite of 21. You must complete the FAFSA and qualify for federal financial aid.

**To apply:** <http://guarantee.uncg.edu/apply/online.shtml> . Remember, you must have completed the FAFSA before you are considered eligible.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2015

## **North Carolina Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw Scholarship Program**

### **1. Community College Scholarship**

**Amount:** Two scholarships for \$1,000 per year for 2 years will be awarded.

**Criteria:** Any current high school senior that is going to attend community college to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculturally related field. Student should demonstrate financial need, satisfactory grades, an evident understanding of the agricultural and/or agribusiness community, and leadership potential. Preference is given to Farm Bureau members.

**To apply:** Applications available online at: [www.ncfb.org/Programs/RFlakeShawScholarship.aspx](http://www.ncfb.org/Programs/RFlakeShawScholarship.aspx)

**Deadline:** March 1, 2015

### **2. University/College (4-year) Scholarship**

**Amount:** Six scholarships for \$3,750 per year for 4 years will be awarded.

**Criteria:** Any current high school senior that is going to attend a 4-year college/university to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculturally related field. Student should demonstrate financial need, satisfactory grades, an evident understanding of the agricultural and/or agribusiness community, and leadership potential. Preference is given to Farm Bureau members.

**To apply:** Applications available online at: [www.ncfb.org/Programs/RFlakeShawScholarship.aspx](http://www.ncfb.org/Programs/RFlakeShawScholarship.aspx)

**Deadline:** March 1, 2015

## **Triangle Pest Control Scholarship Fund**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** Merit-based scholarship fund for students displaying academic excellence. Students must plan to attend an accredited college or university and plan to study environmental technology or environmental engineering.

**To apply:** For more information and to complete the application, visit: <https://www.trianglepest.com/triangle-pest-control-scholarship-fund>

**Deadline:** March 2, 2015



### **Union Power Cooperative Scholarship**

**Amount:** (6) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

**Criteria:** These scholarships are given to outstanding graduating high school seniors who live within Union Power Cooperatives' five county service areas. Applicants should be a child of a Union Power Cooperative Member or live in homes served by Union Power Cooperative. Applicants should be planning to attend 2 or 4 year college or university. Criteria for awarding the scholarship to an individual is based on 40% financial need, 30% scholastic achievement, and 30% extracurricular activities in school, civic, and community functions.

**To apply:** Applications can be found online at <http://www.union-power.com/mainNav/myCommunity/collegeScholarships.aspx> or see Ms. Bimson in the counseling office.

**Deadline:** Application must be postmarked by March 20, 2015

## **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards**

**Amount:** \$500-\$10,000

**Criteria:** Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in this national art contest. Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used.

**To apply:** See Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office for an application.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2015





### **State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship Foundation**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** Applicants must be the son or daughter of a member of SEANC in order to be eligible for scholarships. There are need based and merit based scholarships available. Merit based scholarships are based on academic performance, financial need, community involvement, personal statement, and recommendations. Need based takes these same things into consideration, as well as financial need. Scholarships are available for 2 year and 4 year colleges in addition to trade and technical schools.

**To apply:** Applications and full details are available at [www.seanc.org/membership/scholarship](http://www.seanc.org/membership/scholarship)

**Deadline:** Postmarked and mailed to the SEANC district chairman by **April 15, 2015**



### **SECU People Helping People Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$10,000 over 4 years - *One student from each NC public high school receives a scholarship!*

**Criteria:** Applicants must have a minimum unweighted 2.5 GPA and be accepted into and *planning on attending* one of the 17 UNC schools. The recipient of this scholarship should be a student who exemplifies the philosophy of "People Helping People" and demonstrates leadership, integrity, community involvement, and academic achievement. Preference is given to students whose parents, guardians, or family members are public sector employees in North Carolina (i.e. teachers, police officers, etc.).

**To apply:** Local applications are available with Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office and must be returned to her in April before the scholarship committee meets. The scholarship committee will determine the scholarship recipient from Forest Hills.

**Deadline:** Completed application from the selected senior must be postmarked by **May 1, 2015**

### **Sun Trust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes**

**Amount:** \$500 (two winners every two weeks from Oct-May)

**Criteria:** High school seniors planning to attend a two year or four year public or private college. Fifteen drawings will be held and one winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 31, 2014 through May 15, 2015.

**To apply:** Registration begins September 15<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.suntrustededucation.com/sweeps/>

**Deadline:** May 2015

### **CFNC Financial Literacy Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$500

**Criteria:** Anyone who completes the Financial Literacy 101 course on CFNC is entered for an opportunity to win this \$500 scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded.

**To apply:** [http://www.cfnc.org/paying/financial\\_literacy.jsp](http://www.cfnc.org/paying/financial_literacy.jsp) Complete the Financial Literacy 101 course. You will have to log in with your CFNC account.

**Deadline:** June 30, 2015

### **Aspiring Pharmacy Technician Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** Any student interested in pursuing pharmacology career path, academic success and passion and drive for a career in pharmacology. Check the website for additional criteria.

**To apply:** <http://www.pharmacytechnicianreview.com/aspiring-pharmacist-scholarship-program>

**Deadline:** June 2015



### **Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** Any student interested in pursuing a fashion related degree at an accredited school, academic success and passion and drive for a fashion related career. Application and essay must be completed. Check the website for additional criteria.

**To apply:** <http://www.fashion-schools.org/aspiring-fashion-professional-scholarship-program>

**Deadline:** June 2015

### **Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** Any student who intends to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college, academic success and has a passion and drive for an animation and/or design related career. Application and essay must be completed. Check the website for more details.

**To apply:** <http://www.animationcareerreview.com/animationcareerreviewcom-aspiring-animation-professional-scholarship-program>

**Deadline:** June 2015

### **Automotive Repair/Mechanics Scholarship links:**

[www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com)

[www.cpcc.edu/transport\\_systems/scholarships](http://www.cpcc.edu/transport_systems/scholarships)

### **SPCC Scholarships**

SPCC has a single form that is used to apply to all of their scholarships. Applications can be found online at [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu). Any student who applies to SPCC and fills out the common scholarship application, and completes a FAFSA will be considered for any scholarship for which they qualify.

### **Art Institute Scholarship Competitions**

**Amount:** varies

**Criteria:** The Art Institute offers LOTS of scholarship money through their scholarship competition programs in a variety of areas (Photography, Teen Chef, Fashion Design). Each has their own requirements and deadlines, so check their website for detailed information!

**To apply:** Visit their website at: <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/competitions/high-school.aspx>

**Deadline:** varies

### **National Database of Nursing Scholarships**

The National Database of Nursing Scholarships has over 1,700 nursing programs to research, and over 10,000 nursing scholarships listed. To apply, students must visit <http://www.free-4u.com/nursing/>.

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***THIS IS NOT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS.***

*To search for other scholarships, you can use the websites listed below. It is also a good idea to look at the financial aid portion of the website of the schools to which you are interested in applying – they often have specific need- and merit-based scholarships just for their applicants. Churches, community groups, your employer or family members' employers are also great resources for potential scholarships.*

**HELPFUL SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES**

<a href="http://www.cfnc.org">www.cfnc.org</a>	<a href="http://www.srnexpress.com">www.srnexpress.com</a>	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>	<a href="http://www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com">www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com</a>	<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>
<a href="http://www.schoolsoup.com">www.schoolsoup.com</a>	<a href="http://www.scholarshipplus.com">www.scholarshipplus.com</a>	<a href="http://www.cappex.com">www.cappex.com</a>
<a href="http://www.studentaid.ed.gov">www.studentaid.ed.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>
<a href="http://www.myrichuncle.com">www.myrichuncle.com</a>	<a href="http://www.scholarshiphelp.com">www.scholarshiphelp.com</a>	<a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a>
<a href="http://www.wiredscholar.com">www.wiredscholar.com</a>	<a href="http://www.salliemae.com/scholarships">www.salliemae.com/scholarships</a>	<a href="http://www.studentawardsearch.com">www.studentawardsearch.com</a>
<a href="http://www.scholarshipprovider.net">www.scholarshipprovider.net</a>	<a href="http://www.freecollegescholarships.net">www.freecollegescholarships.net</a>	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>
<a href="http://www.hispanicfund.org">www.hispanicfund.org</a>	<a href="http://www.thencshp.org/resources/for-students/">www.thencshp.org/resources/for-students/</a> (information for Hispanic students)	

## Helpful Tips for Completing Your FAFSA

Before you get started, you should collect the information listed below. If you do not have some of it, you will still be able to fill out the form, but it will be easier with this information:

- Social Security Number (yours and your parents)
- Driver's license (if you have one)
- 2014 W-2 forms and any other record of money you earned in 2014, if you worked. W2's should arrive by the end of January.
- Your parents 2014 W-2 forms and any other record of money they earned in 2014
- Your 2014 Federal Tax Income Return
- Your parents 2014 Federal Tax Income Return
- Current bank statements for you and your parents, if applicable
- Any business, mortgage, or other investment records (if applicable)
- If you are not a U.S. Citizen, you will need your alien registration or permanent resident card.

\*If you have children, are or were in foster care, have a legal guardian other than your biological parents, or are an emancipated minor, you may fill out your FAFSA differently. See your counselor for more information.

### 1. Go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

- Choose **Apply for a PIN** and answer the questions on the screen. Make sure your email address and mailing address are correct.
- Click **Submit Request**. (We recommend choosing 'display PIN now' or 'have PIN emailed to you' so that you receive it immediately. Write it down and save it somewhere you will be able to access it easily!)
- **Both the student AND a parent must create their own unique PIN Number.** A student and parent cannot share the same PIN – it serves as your electronic signature so each person must have their own.
- Save this PIN. You will use it each year to re-apply for federal need-based financial aid.

### 2. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and click on the green **Start A New FAFSA** button.

- Answer all questions as honestly and accurately as possible. You cannot leave questions blank.
- Instructions are provided for each FAFSA question in the Help and Hints section on the right side of the page.
- The words 'you' and 'your' mean the student. 'School' means the college or university you will attend in 2014.
- *If your parents are divorced, separated, or not living together, you should give the financial information for the parent you lived with the most in 2014.*
- Round up all dollar amounts to the nearest dollar.
- Dates should be typed to correlate to month, date and year (ex: February 1, 2014 would be 02012014).
- You can save your application information at any point in the applications. Click **Save** at the bottom of any page. To go back and restart your application, you will need to provide your first and last name, Social Security number, date of birth, and the password you used when you began the first time.
- When you are finished, sign the FAFSA electronically with your PIN numbers. This allows you to submit the form electronically and you will get your Student Aid Report faster.

3. What happens after you apply?

- A FAFSA processor will analyze the information you provided and calculate an *Expected Family Contribution*.
- The results of your FAFSA will be sent to you and to the schools you listed on your application in the form of a *Student Aid Report (SAR)*. If you provided an email address, your SAR will be emailed to you within 3-5 business days. If you did not provide an email address or did not sign your FAFSA electronically with your PIN number, your SAR will be mailed to you.
- Each individual college or university will look at your SAR and decide what kind and how much financial aid they will disburse to you.
- If you believe you have unusual circumstances that should be taken into account and were not reflected in the FAFSA, you should contact the financial aid office at the college or university, as they are the ones who determine your financial aid package.

Need more help or have other questions?

Online Help is available by clicking **Need Help?** at the bottom of each page at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), or you can call **1-800-433-3243** (toll free).

**FAFSA Day Is February 28, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.**

You can get FREE help from financial aid specialists and college aid professionals to complete and submit your FAFSA at participating community colleges and bank branches. You should bring your federal tax returns and FAFSA PINs with you. Registration is suggested! There are several locations nearby!

To find a location, get more information, and register, visit [cfnc.org/FAFSAday](http://cfnc.org/FAFSAday) or call 1-866-866-CFNC