

CLASS OF 2026

SENIOR NIGHT



Sept. 2, 2025



FUTURE READY COURSE OF STUDY

English - Four credits

English I, II, III, IV

Math - Four credits

Math I, II, III and 4th math that aligns with student's post-secondary plans

Science - Three credits

Earth Science, Biology, & a Physical Science (Physical Science, Physics, Chemistry)

Social Studies - Four credits

World History, Civic Literacy, American History, Economics and Personal Finance

Health & Physical Education - One credit

Two electives from either CTE, Arts, or World Language
Four elective credits strongly recommended from one of the following: CTE, ROTCS, Arts, or any other subject area

STANDARDIZED TESTING



SAT

collegeboard.org

Sept. 13

Oct. 4

Nov. 8

Dec. 6

March 14

May 2

June 6

ACT

act.org

Sept. 6

Oct. 18

Dec. 13

Feb. 14

April 11

June 13

July 11

Average SAT Score: 1024

Average ACT Score: 19.4

Test Scores and College Applications

Test-optional for all: Allows applicants to decide for themselves.

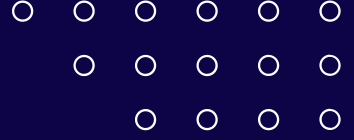
Test-optional for some: Might be required for certain majors (STEM, Nursing). Might not be required if you meet a GPA/Rank requirement.

Test flexible: Another test, such as an AP exam, could count as a school's test requirement for admission.

Test blind: College won't look at test scores for admission even if they are submitted.

Test optional/blind for admissions, but required for enrollment:
Scores used for scholarships, course placement, etc.

Should I submit my scores?



Look at the colleges you're applying to and find their average score range.

If your score is comparable or higher > send it

If it's lower, consider whether it still adds to your application. If not > don't send it

Should I still take the SAT if all the colleges on my list are test optional?

Yes!

You'll keep your options open

Scores may be required for scholarships

Gives colleges more information about your academic performance



ADMISSIONS APPLICATION OPTIONS



Early Action: Students are NOT committed to accept the college's offer of admission and may file other applications.

Early Decision: A binding commitment to a college. You are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission and withdraw your other applications. (Duke, Elon, Davidson, High Point).

Regular Admission: Deadline is usually November-February

Rolling Admission: Submit at your convenience up to a certain date. Receive your decision within 4-6 weeks.

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS



Accepted (yay!): You'll want to investigate more about the school and wait for their financial aid package before making a decision.

Denied: a final decision by the college not to offer admission.

Deferment: They want another look in their regular decision pool of applicants. Make sure to update the school on any accomplishments, additional recommendation letters, or grade/score reports.

Waitlisted: Provide the school with similar information as for deferred schools.

APPLICATION SITES

The Common Application

Coalition

SENDEdu

CFNC

School's personal portal/application



NC COLLEGE CONNECT

A new program that provides a simpler and faster way to
get admitted to college

Eligibility criteria:

Weighted 2.8 GPA

Meet the state graduation requirements (*additional
requirements may be needed for certain institutions)

Respond to safety questions

Students will receive a tailored list of colleges for which they
meet the GPA and other requirements. This means a student
may not see every participating NC College Connect college
on their list.

Eligible students received a letter in the mail. Another round
will go out after September 15. This round will not be mailed,
but will be reflected in the student's CFNC account.



NC COLLEGE CONNECT



Participating UNC System Schools:

Appalachian State University

East Carolina University

Elizabeth City State University

Fayetteville State University

NC Central University

UNC Asheville

UNC Charlotte

UNC Greensboro

UNC Pembroke

Western Carolina University

Winston-Salem State University

Webinar: September 16 @ 6:00pm

ESSAYS



View the essay as an opportunity; it's one of the few things you have complete control over.

View it as a way to sell yourself to the admissions team

READ the prompt

Make it personal and unique

Don't make it a list of accomplishments; that's what your resume is for

PROOFREAD

Optional essays are NOT optional

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

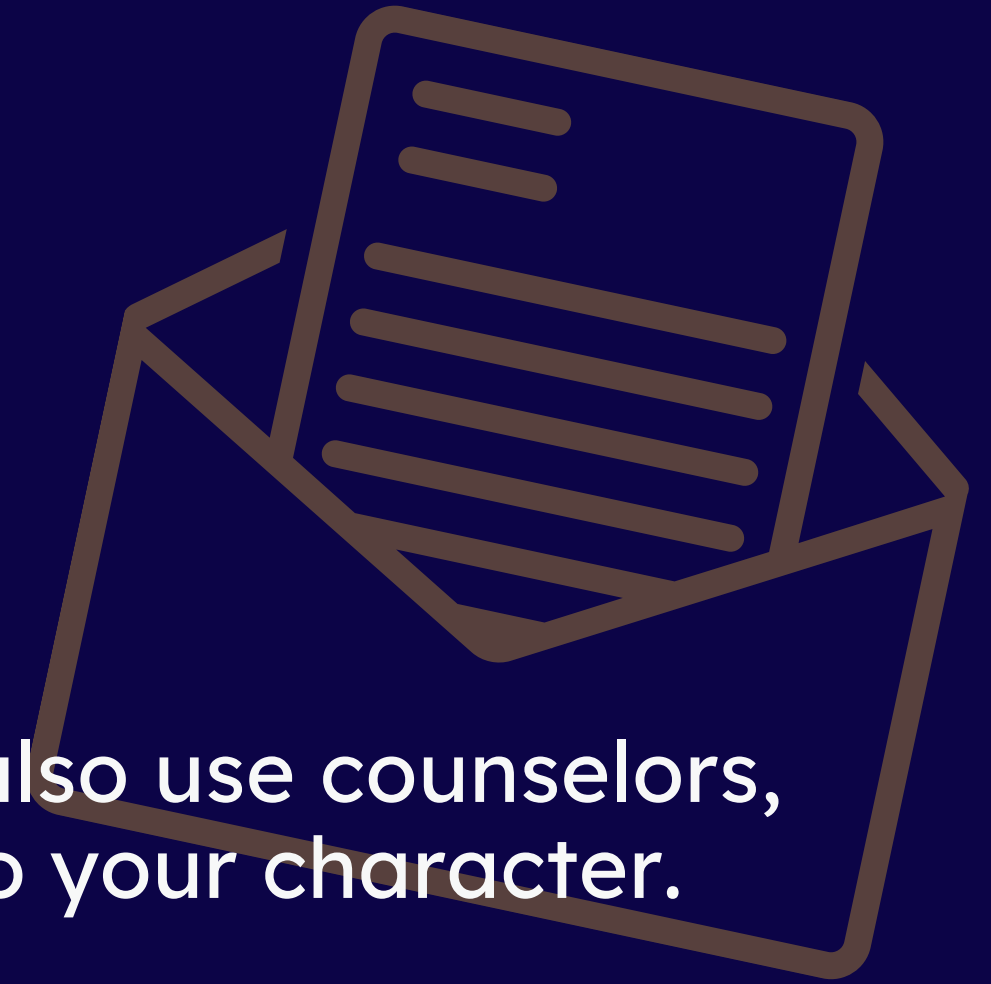
Many schools require letters from teachers. You can also use counselors, coaches, managers, or other people who can speak to your character.

Be mindful of how many **academic** letters your school requires. Schools may only want letters from teachers and not anyone else.

Ask a teacher who knows you well and who can write about your character, strengths, and qualities.

Give your teacher AT LEAST two weeks notice

Requesting letters of recommendation through Scoir will be explained soon.



TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors will receive a paper copy of their transcript in advisory. Review it and make sure there are no errors.

All transcripts will be uploaded into Scoir and sent to the schools on these student's college list.

We will send three transcripts each year

Initial: All grades through end of junior year

Mid-year: All grades through end of fall semester
senior year

Final: All grades through end of senior year.

These will be given at graduation and students should mail it to their school.

Counselors will send final transcripts through Scoir later in the summer



FINANCIAL AID



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed by all students wishing to be considered for any financial aid.

The FAFSA is a confidential document used to collect information to determine a student's need for financial aid.

The FAFSA will open on October 1.

Financial Aid Night: October 27 @ 6:30pm (virtual presentation)

SCHOLARSHIPS



Some schools have a prominent scholarship that can pay most or all of the college expenses (Morehead-Cain, Levine, ECU Scholar, Park). These are highly competitive.

There are less competitive scholarships offered through colleges, community and national organizations, and local businesses.

Scholarship applications can sometimes be as detailed as a college application so don't wait until the last minute.

NEVER pay for scholarship information or applications.

Where to find scholarships:

CATA Counseling website

Scholarships.com

BigFuture

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INTERVIEW PREP

Counselors are available to prep students for internship, job, or scholarship interviews. Contact your assigned counselor to set this up.



COLLEGE VISITS



College visits will be held during Cougar Time. Location TBD.

Sign-ups are done through Scoir.

From your dashboard you'll see a "Register for Office Hours and Visits" tile with a list of upcoming visits. Click "register" to sign up.

Upcoming visits

High Point University: Sept. 4

Appalachian State: Sept. 5

Davidson College: Sept. 10

UNC Chapel Hill: Sept. 11

University of Tennessee: Sept. 12

University of Alabama Birmingham: Sept. 17

University of South Carolina: Sept. 18

George Washington University: Sept. 24

Berklee College of Music: Sept. 25



SCOIR

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Scoir is the system we use to send transcripts, letters of recommendation, and any other college documents.

Most students will not apply using Scoir. However, some colleges allow you to apply within Scoir.

Students will list the schools they're applying to and that is how counselors and teachers will know where to send documents.

If you are using NC College Connect do not put your schools into Scoir yet.



SCOIR + COMMON APP

Common App Integration is now live!

Students will connect their accounts and
Common App activity will sync with their My
Colleges list in Scoir.

Students will do the following in Common App:

Sign FERPA Release & Waiver

Initiate Early Decision Agreements

Make Fee Waiver requests

Choose application round, and build and submit
applications

Requesting letters of recommendation is still done in Scoir*

*Common App will not prompt students for a letter of recommendation.
However, any outside recommender needs to be requested in Common App.

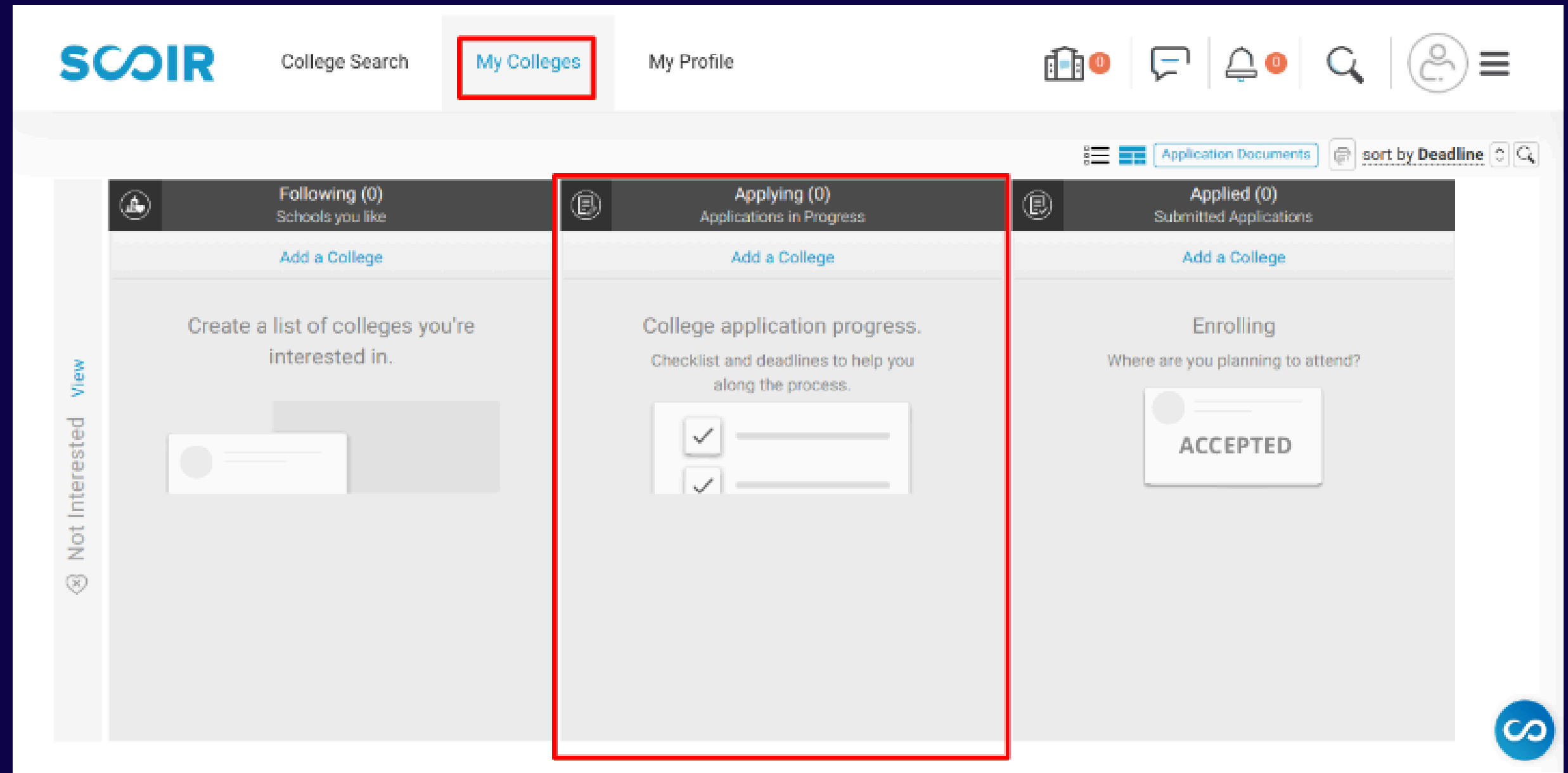


ADDING COLLEGES TO YOUR PAGE

For non-Common App schools, you'll need to add these manually.

For Common App schools, once you connect your account, your college list should populate in Scoir based on what is in Common App.

Do NOT add schools that you're applying to through NC College Connect



ADDING COLLEGES TO YOUR PAGE

How are you applying?

This information lets your counselor know to send your transcripts and other supporting documents.

Type

Rolling
March 1

Method

Common Application

College Website


Other


Describe Below


Cancel


Save


REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION






Home


Discover


My Colleges


Inbox 4


Me





Good Morning,


0 Assignments


Show archived


All caught up! Explore colleges, careers, and more.


 My Last Search


 4-Year US


 2-Year US


 Career & Trade


 International


 Test-Optional

 Northeast

 South

 West


 Midwest

 All Careers

New Messages

My Colleges 3

My Matches


 Wake Forest University

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Deadlines & Registered Visits



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Apply with Scoir

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Your app list is empty

+ Top Choices

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Sort: Deadline

Export

+ Add College

Not Interested

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Suggested

View0

Following (6)

East Carolina University

Greenville, NC

Very Likely

North Carolina State Unive...

Raleigh, NC

Likely Zone

Scoir

Start Application

Applying (0)

Make progress on applications

Let's keep track of those open applications together

Applied (0)


Celebrate your completed applications

Keep tabs on your submitted applications and outcomes

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REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION


Letters of Recommendation				+ New Request
Recommender	Type	College	Status	
Lisa Cochran	Teacher	 General	Requested May 19, 2025	Cancel
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New recommendation request

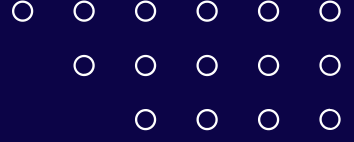
What type of recommendation is this?

 When applying through the Common App, only one recommendation per teacher can be used. Request a general recommendation so it can be shared with multiple colleges.

 General recommendation
Can be used for multiple schools ☒

 College-specific ☐ Because you're not applying to any colleges with Scoir, we've disabled college-specific letters of recommendation

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



Common App schools will required the letter to be assigned to a school or schools.

*We are still not sure how this process works; whether the student can assign it or a counselor has to do it.

For non-Common App schools they do not need to be assigned

Letters cannot be assigned and sent for Common App schools until the integration goes live.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION VS. COUNSELOR EVALUATION

A counselor evaluation is an academic snapshot of your time in high school. Not all schools require a counselor evaluation.

If a school requires a counselor evaluation, we will automatically complete it; you don't need to request this.

A recommendation is written by a teacher, coach, manager, etc. that expands on your character, achievements, and other things that colleges can't determine based on your transcript, resume, etc.

Counselors are happy to write a recommendation but please have a conversation with them first. A counselor recommendation does not take the place of an academic teacher recommendation.

SCHOOL PROFILE

This is an overview of our school. It helps colleges understand the type of school we are, how rigorous our course offerings are, and other information that is used in reviewing your application.

Our school profile is linked on the counseling page under the College Corner tab.

Also on this page is info you might need when completing your application, such as our GPA scale and class rank information.

COLLEGE CORNER - COUNSELING WEBSITE

College Corner

SENIOR MEETINGS

Counselors will meet with seniors in the upcoming weeks to answer questions and assist in the application process.

INTERNSHIPS - MRS. BARTELL

APPLY by logging into MajorClarity through Clever from Student Startup Page

- ▶ Click Work-Based Learning link on left side
- ▶ Select which type of Internship you are interested in and follow prompts
- YOU CAN APPLY FOR A FULL CREDIT/1 BLOCK CLASS INTERNSHIP
- AN INTERNSHIP COUNTS AS A FULL CREDIT AND WILL AVERAGE INTO THE GPA
- STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN INDUSTRY BY CTE UNLESS YOU SET UP YOUR OWN - THEN JUST NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
- DEADLINE FOR SPRING SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS OCT. 1
- MUST COMMIT TO 8 HOURS A WEEK

Thank you for coming!

Counselors will be meeting with seniors in the
upcoming weeks

This presentation will be available on the Senior
page tomorrow morning