



# February 2016 Scholarship Newsletter

## 2015-2016 test dates

SAT		ACT	
Test Date	Register by	Test Date	Register by
October 3	CLOSED	October 24	CLOSED
November 7	CLOSED	December 12	CLOSED
December 5	CLOSED	February 6	CLOSED
January 23	CLOSED	April 9	March 4
March 5	LATE REG.	June 11	May 6
May 7	April 8		
June 4	May 5		

\*\*Students who receive free or reduced lunch may receive fee waivers to take each test two (2) times free of charge. These waivers also make you eligible for college application fee waivers. See your counselor for more information.\*\*

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.*



means that this is a **NEW** scholarship listing for this month

**The 2016 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/sa/sites/default/files/2015-16-completing-fafsa.pdf>

Do you think you will need help completing your FAFSA? CFNC is sponsoring FAFSA DAY on February 20, 2016. FAFSA Day will be held at South Piedmont Community College this year. Volunteers will be on hand 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!

### **West Teaching Scholarship at the Catawba College Academy for Teaching**

**Amount:** \$2500 renewable annually

**Criteria:** Students planning to attend Catawba College and major in education may apply. Selection criteria include: high academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community involvement & commitment to teaching.

**To apply:** Visit [www.catawba.edu/academyforteaching](http://www.catawba.edu/academyforteaching)

**Deadline:** Varies

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

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

**To apply:** For more information about each and to apply to any of them, visit: <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

**Deadline:** Varies

#### **1. Wilburn Clary Student Medal**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** Awarded to one male and one female graduating senior student-athlete participating on a sanctioned varsity sport team during senior year. Athlete must have participated on at least two sanctioned varsity sports during his/her high school career.

#### **2. Jerry McGee Endowed Scholarship**

**Amount:** Varies

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

#### **3. Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship**

**Amount:** Varies

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

#### **4. Pat Gainey Student Award:**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** Two student-athletes with a focus on need-based applicants. Applicants must be a Senior, male high school athlete participating on a *varsity baseball team* or a Senior, female student participating on a *varsity sports team*.

### **DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) 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 10, 2016

### **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/e-web/admissions/FinancialAid/watson\\_odyssey.xhtml](http://www.elon.edu/e-web/admissions/FinancialAid/watson_odyssey.xhtml)

**To apply:** Complete your application for admission to Elon University by January 10, 2016 [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, 2016

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**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: <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

➤ **Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship**

**Amount:** two \$15,000 scholarships

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

**Deadline:** February 13, 2016

➤ **Wilburn Clary Student Medal**

**Amount:** \$2,000

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

**Deadline:** February 13, 2016

➤ **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

**Deadline:** May 1, 2016

### **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.nc4vets.com/education> or contact your local Veterans Service Office or call 844-NC4VETS.

**To apply:** Visit [www.NC4Vets.com](http://www.NC4Vets.com)

**Deadline:** February 14, 2016



### **Gordan A. Rich Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount:** up to \$12,500 per year for four years

**Criteria:** This scholarship is open to children who are dependents of full time employees in the financial services industry (commercial banks, investment banks, securities brokerage firms, insurance companies, etc). Applicants need to be enrolling full time in a 4 year college or university in the fall of 2014, have a minimum 3.5 GPA, and demonstrate financial need.

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

**Deadline:** February 17, 2016



### **Regions Riding Forward Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$3,500 or \$5,000

**Criteria:** Interested high school seniors with a min. 2.0 GPA should complete an application on-line and submit an essay of 500 words or less written about an African-American of their choice.

**To apply:** Visit: [www.regions.com/ridingforward](http://www.regions.com/ridingforward)

**Deadline:** February 25, 2016

### **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 2016-17. 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 Engineering/Technology or select Design or Business related program.

**To apply:** Visit [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com) and register as an applicant.

**Deadline:** 5 p.m. on February 29, 2016

### **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 25, 2016



### **Union County Education Foundation Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000-2,000

**Criteria:** Applicants must submit a 500 word max. "Teacher Tribute" to a UCPS teacher. College entrance exam scores, a letter of recommendation, transcript and extracurricular activities are also taken into consideration. Winners must be able to attend the May 5, 2016 "Sweet Salute."

**To apply:** See Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office for application and more information

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by February 26, 2016

### **UNC-G Guarantee**

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

**Criteria:** UNCG Guarantee helps high-achieving low-income N.C. 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. For more information visit: <http://guarantee.uncg.edu/>

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

**Deadline:** Priority consideration given to those who apply before March 1, 2015



### **Union County Principal's and Assistant Principal's Association (UCPAPA)**

#### ***1. Administrative Scholarship***

**Amount:** \$750

**Criteria:** This scholarship is awarded to a senior who is the child of a UCPS school administrator and currently enrolled in UCPS. Applicants must plan to enroll in a four-year college full time in fall 2015 and must have a min. 2.0 GPA, exhibit leadership qualities and extra-curricular activities. Three letters of recommendation are required.

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

**Deadline:** March 22, 2016

## **2. UCPAPA Scholarship for Education Majors**

**Amount: \$1000**

**Criteria:** This scholarship is awarded to a senior who plans to major in education. Applicants must have a min. 2.0 GPA, exhibit leadership qualities and extra-curricular activities. Three letters of character recommendation are required.

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

**Deadline: March 22, 2016**

### **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: <https://scholarcat.wcu.edu/Default.asp>

**To apply:** Visit <https://scholarcat.wcu.edu/Default.asp>

**Deadline: Varies but your FAFSA must be completed by March 1, 2016 to qualify for need-based scholarships.**

### **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 who 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: <http://www.ncfb.org/Programs/R-Flake-Shaw-Scholarship>

**Deadline: March 4, 2016**

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

**Amount: Six scholarships for \$4,000 per year for 4 years will be awarded.**

**Criteria:** Any current high school senior who 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: <http://www.ncfb.org/Programs/R-Flake-Shaw-Scholarship>

**Deadline: March 4, 2016**

### **Charlotte Metro Area Relocation Council (CMARC) Scholarship**

**Amount: \$1,000**

**Criteria:** Any high school senior who relocated to the Charlotte area sometime between grades 9 and 12 is eligible to apply.

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

**Deadline: March 5, 2016**



### **Doris Ross Hinson Female Medical Scholarship Program**

**Amount: \$1000**

**Criteria:** This scholarship is designed for one female student **who attends Forest Hills High School**. The student should have a minimum 3.0 GPA, intend to enroll in a two-year or four-year college full time to pursue a degree in the medical field (including nursing) and demonstrate substantial need for financial assistance through filling out the FAFSA and obtaining your Student Aid Report. The student must be accepted at an accredited college and exhibit scholastic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities and good character.

**To apply:** Applications available from Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office. Essay and 3 teacher references are required.

**Deadline:** Return all application materials to Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office by March 9, 2016

### **NC Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Criteria:** There are three scholarships available. The information is below:

1. **The Eunice Riggins Memorial Scholarship** is open to any **female** high school student who will be graduating and enrolling at a four-year college in N.C. Students must have already applied to the college of their choice, rank in the top 10% of class, min. ACT score of 20 or SAT of 1650, have good character, and participate in extra-curricular activities.
2. **The Mary Rose Mills-Linda Rankin Memorial Scholarship** is open to **any** high school student who will be graduating and enrolling at a four-year college in N.C. Students must have already applied to the college of their choice, rank in the top 10% of class, min. ACT score of 22 or SAT of 1700, have good character, and participate in extra-curricular activities.
3. **The Clare Johnson Marley-Mary Earle Berger Fine Arts Scholarship** is open to **any** high school student who will be graduating and enrolling at a four-year college in N.C. and **declares a major of the fine arts**. ACT score of 20 or SAT of 1650, have good character, and participate in extra-curricular activities. Students must also submit a CD/DVD demonstrating proof of talent or ability in the fine arts.

**To apply:** Applications available with Ms. Bimson

**Deadline:** March 15, 2016

### **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 <https://union-power.com/collegescholarships/>

**Deadline:** Application must be **postmarked by March 18, 2016**

### **The Gordon Hay Scholarship Fund (Blumenthal Performing Arts)**

**Amount:** \$5000 (for non-tuition expenses)

**Criteria:** Open to students who show exemplary academic performance, strong pursuit of excellence, community & school involvement, acceptance into a four-year college to study a career in a non-performance (technical) area of the performing arts. Applicants must submit FAFSA, essay, references and transcript. Portfolio presentation will be April 2.

**To apply:** Visit [Blumenthalarts.org/scholarships](http://Blumenthalarts.org/scholarships)

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by March 18, 2016



### **Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$2,500

**Criteria:** Current high school senior who is planning to pursue a degree at a 4 year college or university; should have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have taken the SAT or ACT. You will need to complete the scholarship application, including a recent photo of yourself, a high school transcript, your SAT and/or ACT scores, and two letters of recommendation. You will prepare a presentation (video, PowerPoint, brochure, website, or essay) that encourages fellow teens to abstain from underage drinking and driving, or that highlights the dangers of drinking and driving. All application materials must be mailed together in one package.



**To apply:** Applications available with Ms. Bimson  
**Deadline:** Must be postmarked by March 18, 2016



**The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Committee, Inc Scholarship**

**Amount:** (2) \$500 scholarships

**Criteria:** Applications include an application form, transcript, 3 letters of recommendation and an essay on "Why Dr. King deems it necessary to write his 'I Have a Dream' speech." The winner must be present at the awards ceremony on May 16.

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

**Deadline:** Applications must be returned to Ms. Bimson by 8:30am on March 23, 2016.



**Kathleen Stewart Hargett Memorial Scholarship – Marshville Presbyterian Church**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** *This scholarship is specifically for Forest Hills High School students.* Selection is made based on academic achievement, commitment to community service, faculty recommendations, and a short essay on any topic of your choice. You must provide evidence of church membership and college acceptance to apply.

**To apply:** Applications are available from Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office.

**Deadline:** Applications and ALL supplemental material should be returned to Ms. Bimson by March 23, 2016

**The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship (Blumenthal Performing Arts)**

**Amount:** Two \$10,000 annually renewable scholarships

**Criteria:** Open to students who show above-average ability and who will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in a field directly related to the performing arts. To be eligible applicants must have a min. weighted 2.5 GPA, financial need and acceptance in to a four-year college. Essay, references, transcript, and SAR are needed. Auditions/ portfolio presentations will be held April 16.

**To apply:** Visit [Blumenthalarts.org/scholarships](http://Blumenthalarts.org/scholarships)

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by March 24, 2016.

**HSF (Hispanic Scholarship Fund) General Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$500-\$5,000

**Criteria:** Applicants must be of Hispanic heritage, U.S. Citizen, DACA or eligible non-citizen (as defined by FAFSA) or permanent legal residents. Applicants should have a 3.0 unweighted GPA, plan to enroll full-time in a 4-year university and complete the FAFSA or Dream Act (if applicable).

**To apply:** Visit <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/general-college-scholarships>

**Deadline:** March 31, 2016



**Pee Dee Electric Membership Corp. Awareness Committee Scholarship**

**Amount:** Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

**Criteria:** High school senior whose residence receives electric service from Pee Dee EMC and who plans to attend two year or four year college. Applicants should have a B average, one letter of recommendation, list of extracurricular activities and test scores along with the application.

**To apply:** Applications are available with Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2016



### **Atlas Greenhouse Horticulture Scholarship 2016**

**Amount:** \$1500 awarded to three high school seniors

**Criteria:** Any senior who has purchased an "Educator" Greenhouse from Atlas Manufacturing, Inc. between Jan. 1, 2015-Dec. 31, 2015. This student must also have a nomination from his/her horticulture teacher. Student must desire to further his/her education in the field of horticulture, have good character and work ethic, participate in high school horticulture program and extra-curricular activities.

**To apply:** Download an application from [www.atlasgreenhouse.com](http://www.atlasgreenhouse.com) or get an application from Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office

**Deadline:** March 31, 2015



### **The North Carolina Bar Association Scholarship for Children of NC Law Enforcement Officers**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** High school seniors with a parent who is a NC Law Enforcement officer disabled or killed in the line of duty are eligible to apply. Applicants must be accepted to college or vocational school and plan to attend full-time in the fall.

**To apply:** Applications are available online at: <http://ncbar.org/media/616285/yldscharship2016.pdf> or see Ms. Bimson for an application

**Deadline:** April 1, 2016



### **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** Any female high school senior that is committed to entering the teaching profession. Candidates should excel academically and be involved in community and school activities. Must include transcript, test scores, and a letter of endorsement with application.

**To apply:** Applications are available with Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office.

**Deadline:** April 2, 2016



### **The WIRE Scholarship**

**Amount:** Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

**Criteria:** Applicants must be the dependent of a member of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. Must complete an application and include transcript, two letters of reference and test scores.

**To apply:** Applications are available with Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office.

**Deadline:** April 4, 2016



### **Carrols LLC (Burger King) Community Scholarship Fund**

**Amount:** Varies

**Criteria:** Any high school senior or Burger King employee can apply. Applicants will be chosen based on high school activities, employment history and recommendation, counselor or principal recommendation, and community service. Application form, transcript and test scores (if available) are required.

**To apply:** Applications are available with Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office

**Deadline:** April 4, 2016



### **The NC Retail Merchants Association (NCRMA) Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$2,500

**Criteria:** This scholarship is open to any senior who works for a CFIC member or whose parent works for a CFIC member (if you need to verify that an employer is a member, you can call (919) 832-0811. Most retail companies are members!). Scholarship winners will be chosen based on academic record, test scores, and extracurricular activities.

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

**Deadline:** A complete application packet must be received or post marked by **April 4, 2016**.

### **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, 2016**



### **HotelsCheap.org Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,500

**Criteria:** Scholarship winner is chosen based on answers to four short essay topics. No GPA minimum required.

**To apply:** <http://www.hotelscheap.org/scholarship/apply>

**Deadline:** April 15, 2016



### **Winchester Alumni Association Scholarships:**

- 1. Rep. William "Pete" Cunningham Scholarship**
- 2. Professor J.W. Graham Scholarship**
- 3. Ms. Aurelia Williams Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$500 each

**Criteria:** Applicants should have a 2.5 GPA or higher, 3 letters of recommendation, documentation of community service, transcript, photo, and will interview with scholarship committee.

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

**Deadline:** April 18, 2016



### **A Few Good Men/John Crowder Scholarships**

**Amount:** \$500 each

**Criteria:** Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, 3 letters of recommendation, recent photo, and evidence of community service. An interview will be conducted for each applicant.

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

**Deadline:** April 18, 2016



### **North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** One parent must be a member of the NC Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program (though either Child Support services or Clerk of Court services); applicants must be a NC resident and a high school senior who has been *accepted* by a 2 or 4 year college or university in North Carolina. Applicants should have maintained a C average during high school (above a 2.0 GPA).

**To apply:** Applications are available from Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office. You will need a high school transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, and a copy of your college acceptance letter.

**Deadline:** Must be postmarked by April 20, 2016

### **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 **by April 22nd** before the scholarship committee meets. The scholarship committee will determine the scholarship recipient from Forest Hills.

**Deadline:** Completed application must be **returned to Ms. Bimson by April 22, 2016**

### **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 30, 2015 through May 13, 2016.

**To apply:** Registration begins September 14<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.suntrustededucation.com/sweeps/>

**Deadline:** May 2016

### **CFNC Financial Literacy Scholarship**

**Amount:** \$500

**Criteria:** Anyone who completes the Financial Basics course on CFNC is entered for an opportunity to win this \$500 scholarship.

**To apply:** <https://basics.financialliteracy101.org/> Complete the Financial Basics course and you will automatically be entered in a \$500 drawing. You will have to log in with your CFNC account.

**Deadline:** June 2016

### **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

### **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.

### **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 LISE 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)
- 2015 W-2 forms and any other record of money you earned in 2015, if you worked. W2's should arrive by the end of January.
- Your parents 2015 W-2 forms and any other record of money they earned in 2015
- Your 2015 Federal Tax Income Return
- Your parents 2015 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 2016.
- *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 2015.*
- Round up all dollar amounts to the nearest dollar.
- Dates should be typed to correlate to month, date and year (ex: February 1, 2015 would be 02012015).
- 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 20, 2016 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 South Piedmont Community College.  
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