



January 2016 Scholarship Newsletter

2015-2016 test dates

SAT		ACT	
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>
October 3	CLOSED	October 24	CLOSED
November 7	CLOSED	December 12	CLOSED
December 5	CLOSED	February 6	January 8
January 23	December 28	April 9	March 4
March 5	February 5	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 / To sign up for the ACT: 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

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

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!

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 1, 2015-February 2016. Early applications are encouraged.

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

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*.

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 2016. 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 13, 2016

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 or see Ms. Bimson in the Counseling Office to get an application.

Deadline: January 15, 2016

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, 2016

Grissom Scholarship

Amount: \$200,000+ (four years of full tuition plus \$5,000 in summer enrichment funds to attend Centre College)

Criteria: Applicants must be the first generation in their family to attend a four-year college or university. Strong applicants will have proven academic success, high moral character, exceptional potential for leadership, and significant involvement in extra-curricular activities. Preference is given to applicants with substantial financial need.

To apply: Apply online to Centre College by January 15. Apply at this link: <http://www.centre.edu/admission-aid/apply-to-centre/> . Talk to Ms. Grant or Ms. Bimson for details.

Deadline: January 15, 2016

Renaissance Scholarship at Marlboro College

Amount: full tuition, room and board at Marlboro College offered to students from NC.

Criteria: Marlboro offers this full tuition scholarship to students who they anticipate will contribute greatly to campus life.

To Apply: Submit a regular application for admission and an additional application for the scholarship at” <https://www.marlboro.edu/admissions/undergraduate/financial-aid/types/renaissance/application>

Deadline: January 15, 2016



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, 2016

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, 2016

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, 2016.

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: <http://www.ncae.org/wp-content/uploads/MLKscholarship1516.pdf>

Deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2016.

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 at a two year or four year college. 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

Deadline: The application opens November 15, 2015. **All applications are due by February 1, 2016.**

SportsQuest Playing with a Purpose Program

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

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

To apply: Visit <http://www.allamericanaward.org/index>

Deadline: February 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

Deadline: February 14, 2016

NCSEAA Jagannathan Scholarship

Amount: Variable

Criteria: Given to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of N.C. and 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), documented financial need, extracurricular activities, leadership and community service. Must have taken the SAT and filed the FAFSA.

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

Deadline: You must complete the electronic application AND submit your FAFSA by **February 1, 2016**.

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

To apply: Complete your application for admission to Elon University by January 10, 2016 www.elon.edu/apply Complete your Watson and Odyssey Scholarship Application at the same website.

Deadline: Apply to Elon by January 10th; complete Watson Scholars application by February 10, 2016



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: <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



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 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



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



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 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

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

Deadline: Applications must be received by March 18, 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

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 30, 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

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

Deadline: Postmarked and mailed to the SEANC district chairman **by April 15, 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 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 6, 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 14th 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. 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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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

www.cfnc.org	www.srnexpress.com	www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.fastweb.com	www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com	www.finaid.org
www.schoolsoup.com	www.scholarshipplus.com	www.cappex.com
www.studentaid.ed.gov	www.collegeboard.com	www.actstudent.org
www.myrichuncle.com	www.scholarshiphelp.com	www.scholarships.com
www.wiredscholar.com	www.salliemae.com/scholarships	www.studentawardsearch.com
www.scholarshipprovider.net	www.freecollegescholarships.net	www.collegeboard.org
www.hispanicfund.org	www.thencshp.org/resources/for-students/ (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

- 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 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, 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 or call 1-866-866-CFNC