



Preparing for College



What is CFNC?

- Comprehensive Web Site (English & Spanish) at **CFNC.org**
- Toll-free telephone advice at 866.866.CFNC
- Field representatives in every area code in NC



A free resource for North Carolina students and families to Plan, Apply, and Pay for College!

College Application Materials

Many factors can impact admissions & scholarship decisions, including:

Courses taken

Grades received

Class rank

Standardized test scores

Personal statements and essays

Recommendations

Extracurricular activities

Interviews

Which factors MOST affect these areas?

It depends on the college.....

High School Academics

High School Course Selection

Balance challenge with success
Take advantage of opportunities
Plan backwards with pre-reqs

Honors

Advanced Placement (AP)

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Dual Enrollment

CTE Internships

Electives: CTE, Arts, P.E., Languages

Transcript = Academic record

Review transcript each year

GPA = Grade point average

Unweighted vs Weighted

Class Rank

Colleges initially see your first
3 years of high school

Get Involved

How do you improve your resume, find opportunities for engaging essay topics, and even improve your recommendation letters?

Find your passion(s). Cultivate these and take on leadership roles and skills.

Keep asking: How can I better manage my time well and still challenge myself to grow?

Student ProTip: Create a running “Brag Sheet” with accomplishments and activities starting in 9th grade. [Resource: www.cfnc.org/news/brag-sheets/](http://www.cfnc.org/news/brag-sheets/)

- ✓ Sports participation
- ✓ Music / Fine Arts
- ✓ Community service
- ✓ Volunteer Activities
- ✓ Community involvement
- ✓ School-based Honor Societies, Clubs
- ✓ Work / Internships / Apprenticeships
- ✓ Service projects
- ✓ Academic Awards/Accomplishments



Find Student Enrichment Opportunities

- Search for programs, including after-school programs, summer camps, and other enrichment activities
- Explore your career interests – find the right fit!

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Student Enrichment Programs Search

Search...

Selected Filters:

90 Results [VIEW ON MAP](#) Results Per Page: 25

ASU Forensic Science Camp

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Investigate a suspicious arson, detect and classify fingerprints, identify unknown drugs, compare trace evidence using a microscope, and detect gunshot residue just like professional investigators. This camp is designed for students with an interest in the laboratory analysis of crime scene evidence.

Host: Appalachian State University

Overnight: No Scholarship: No 9th-12th grade

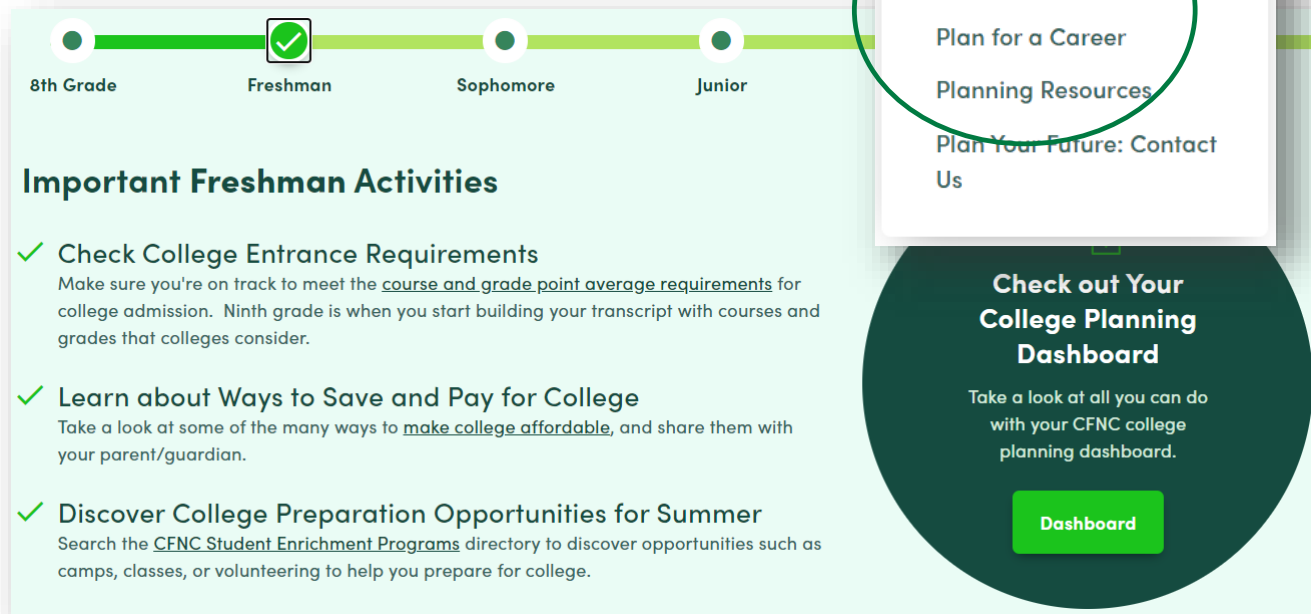
Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)

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Duke TIP works with academically gifted students, their families, and educators to identify, recognize, and support students as they reach their highest potential. TIP provides programming for students in fourth through twelfth grade, including: two talent searches with a

Plan Your Future

Planning = Success in High School



8th Grade Freshman Sophomore Junior

Important Freshman Activities

- ✓ **Check College Entrance Requirements**
Make sure you're on track to meet the [course and grade point average requirements](#) for college admission. Ninth grade is when you start building your transcript with courses and grades that colleges consider.
- ✓ **Learn about Ways to Save and Pay for College**
Take a look at some of the many ways to [make college affordable](#), and share them with your parent/guardian.
- ✓ **Discover College Preparation Opportunities for Summer**
Search the [CFNC Student Enrichment Programs](#) directory to discover opportunities such as camps, classes, or volunteering to help you prepare for college.

Plan Your Future

- Plan for College
- Plan for a Career
- Planning Resources
- Plan Your Future: Contact Us

Check out Your College Planning Dashboard

Take a look at all you can do with your CFNC college planning dashboard.

Dashboard

Plan for your Career

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Which Career Is Right For You?

You'll spend most of your adult life working, so it's important to find a career that you'll enjoy. The tools and information in this section can help you find careers that fit your interests, talents and values.



College Finder

Find the academic programs that inspire you, and the campuses that you'll love.

Search now

En Español

Podemos ayudarle en español, también

en Español

Events

From job fairs to application deadlines, see the full list of events and crucial calendar dates.



Average COA for Colleges

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
Community College	6,382	6,701			13,083
UNC Campus	23,100	24,255	25,468	26,741	99,564
North Carolina Private	48,133	50,540	53,067	55,720	207,459
Out of State Public	49,855	52,348	54,965	57,713	214,881
Out of State Private	62,385	65,504	68,779	72,218	268,887

Cost estimates are unweighted averages, inflated at 5% per year

The Community College Option



Good way to cut cost!
Very Affordable

- **Take classes before you enter college**
- **Summer school**
- **Transfer Option**

It's Never too Early to Start Researching for Scholarships!

Four main resources:

- Local (work with school counselor)
- North Carolina scholarships
 - College Foundation of NC - CFNC.org
- Institutional scholarships (visit college websites)
- National scholarships
 - Check App Store (they have an App)
 - Use Google!



	<u>Application Process</u>	<u>Dates Open/Close</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Interview</u>
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Nomination or Self
Nominate

Mid Aug.- Nov. 1

Grade,
Leadership,
Test Scores,
Character



North Carolina
Agricultural and Technical
State University

Fill out Application

Mid Sept- Mid Dec.

Min. 3.75, Test
Scores



Fill Out Application

Early Fall- Mid Dec.

Min 3.75, Test
Scores



Admission App

Early Fall- Mid Dec.

Varies-Min 3.0
, Test Scores

Various Full
Scholarship
Requirements



Application Process Dates Open/Close Requirements Interview



Nominate or Self
Nominate

Early Aust.- Mid Oct.

Grade,
Leadership,
Test Scores,
Character



Fill out Application

Early Fall- Earl Jan.

Varies, min 2.5-
3.0



Fill out Application

Early Aug. - Mid Oct.

Grade,
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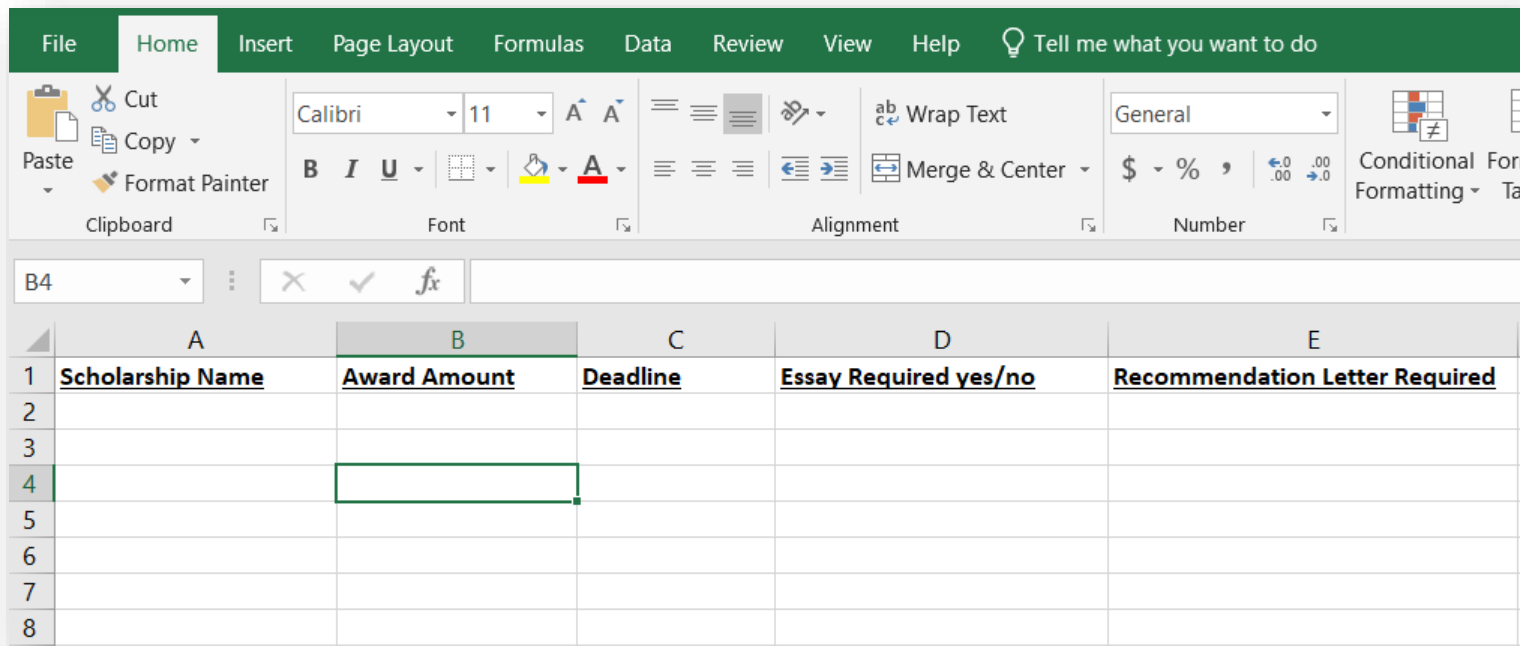
Min. 4.0. Test
Scores, 3.3
other
scholarships



Various Full
Scholarship
Requirements



Scholarship Tip: Stay Organized



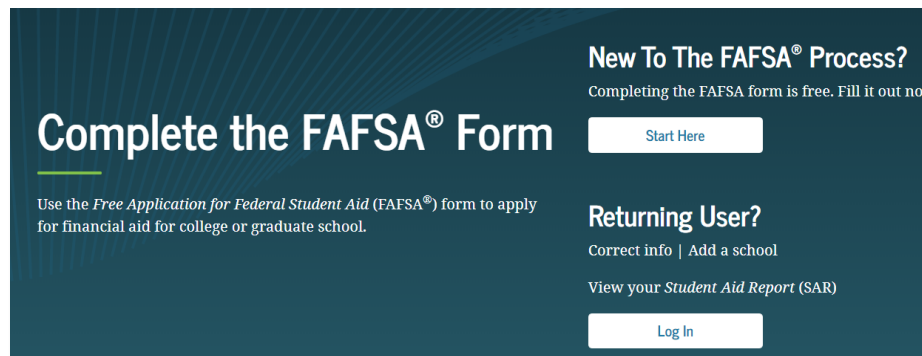
FAFSA Application Process

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov)
- Signature - FSA ID (FSAID.ed.gov)

www.StudentAid.gov



My Student Aid
App



****Annual Application**
****Start the process October 1st of the Senior Year!**

FAFSA : What info is needed?

- Income, earnings from work, tax liability – ***Prior Tax Year***
- Assets as of the day you file FAFSA (Not retirement or home value)
- Household size and Information
- Marital status of parent (s) and spouse info

✓ Student Demographics ✓ School Selection ✓ Dependency Status ✓ Parent Demographics **5 Parent Financials** 6 Student Financials 7 Sign & Submit

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Eligible for IRS DRT

Applying is faster and easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

Based on your responses, we recommend that you, the parents, transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA form. The IRS DRT allows you to link to the IRS website and securely transfer original IRS tax return information into the FAFSA form.

If you use the IRS DRT, you may not have to provide additional IRS documentation later for the student to qualify for federal student aid.

No Thanks **Proceed to the IRS**

Student Aid Report

A link to the SAR is emailed to student after FAFSA submission (and is also shared with selected colleges)

Look for

- EFC
- Pell Grant Estimates
- Loan Eligibility Estimates
- Errors that need to be adjusted
- Request for additional information or verification if needed

Step Three CONTINUED from page 0

38. Enter your (and spouse's) income tax for 2008. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040—line 57; 1040A—line 35; or 1040EZ—line 10. \$

39. Enter your (and spouse's) exemptions for 2008. Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040—line 6d or Form 1040A—line 6d. For Form 1040EZ, see Notes page 2.

These questions ask about earnings (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2008. Answer the questions whether or not a tax return was filed. This information may be on the W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040—lines 7 + 12 + 16 + Box 14 of IRS Schedule K-1 (Form 1045) or 1040A—line 7; or 1040EZ—line 1.

40. How much did you earn from working in 2008? \$

41. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2008? \$

42. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? Do not include student financial aid. \$

43. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate (not your home)? Net worth means current value minus debt. See Notes page 2. \$

44. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) current businesses and/or investment farms? For a family farm or family business, see Notes page 2. \$



Useful Free College Financial Planning Sites

- StudentAid.gov
App- MyStudentaid
- CFNC.org
- College Board.org
- Individual College Websites
-Net Price Calculators

Save Money for College Applications!

Month of
October





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Residency Determination




Get Recruited

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***Check back in the Spring for 2022 dates and events!**


Residency | FAFSA | Applications


North Carolina's annual campaign to support college access is during the month of October and is named NC Countdown to College. Activities during the month support high school seniors in completing three important college enrollment steps: residency, FAFSA, and applications. College Application Week will be October 18-22, 2021, when many NC colleges and universities waive their application fees.



Start a College Application

Log in or create an account to apply to colleges on CFNC.org!

Application Hub 



NC COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

Whether you're a **student**, a **parent**, or an **educator**, we have resources and information to help you!

A part-time job never hurts!

- Consider part-time work in high school and college
 - make connections
 - learn strengths and weaknesses
 - save money
 - build a resume





Upcoming Webinars

To learn more visit CFNC.org/events



February 17, 2022

¿Cómo pagar la universidad? Hablemos de FAFSA, Becas y mucho más

En esta presentación, se informará acerca de los distintos programas de becas universitarias, becas totales y parciales, los tipos de becas federales disponibles, requisitos y documentos exigidos y se explicará acerca de la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes.

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March 01, 2022

Life after FAFSA

Join CFNC representatives Timeka Ruffin and Devon McCarthy-James to see what to look for on your student aid report, understand the terms of your college financial aid offer letters, and learn the types of student loans.

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA

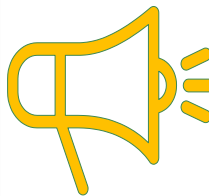
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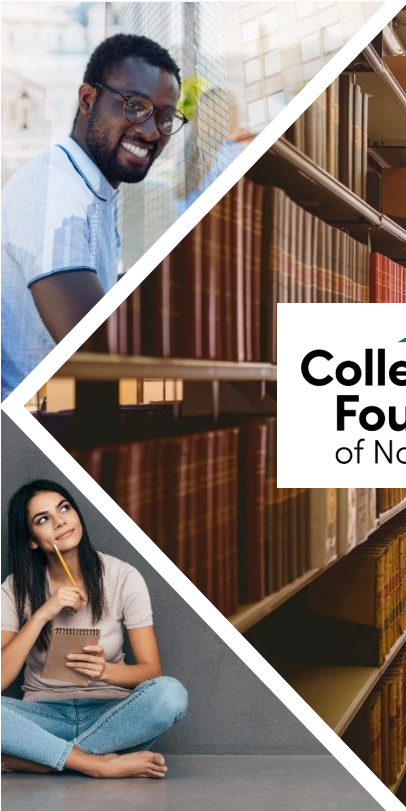
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