



# Senior College Information Night

# Counseling Team

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# The College Application

- \* Completed Application
- \* Application Fee – varies by college
- \* Test Scores
- \* Transcript (request through SCOIR) or Self Report
- \* Essay – if applicable
- \* Recommendations – if applicable (request through SCOIR)
- \* Counselor Secondary School Report – completed by counselor through SCOIR if required

# SCOIR

<https://bit.ly/35jrLNu>

# When To Apply

- \* Four Year Colleges
  - \* Some early deadlines by October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - \* Regular deadlines usually around December or January
  - \* Suggest complete all applications by end of November
- \* Community Colleges
  - \* Depends on program
  - \* Transfer programs – By early February
  - \* Specific Health/Medical programs - between Nov - January
- \* Vocational & Technical
  - \* Check deadlines for school

# College Admission Options

- \* **EARLY ACTION** is a non-binding admissions procedure to notify students of early admissions to the college. Students are not committed to accept the college's offer of admissions and may file other applications.
- \* **EARLY DECISION** is a binding commitment. You may apply early decision to only one college, usually by October 15 of your senior year. You are notified of your status by December 1. As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission. You must also withdraw your application from other colleges if accepted under Early Decision. (Used by Duke, Elon, Wake Forest, UNCA, etc.)

# College Admissions Options

- \* **REGULAR ADMISSION** is the plan under which you submit your application during November to February, depending on college. Check the deadline for each individual college.
- \* **ROLLING ADMISSION** is the plan under which candidates submit application at their convenience up to a certain date. They usually receive an offer of acceptance or non acceptance within four to six weeks.

# ACT and SAT

- \* Community Colleges do not require ACT or SAT
  - \* Will accept for placement for Math and English classes
  - \* If transferring to a 4 year college with less than 2 years at community college may need ACT or SAT (check with college)
- \* UNC campuses and some others are making tests optional for Fall 2022 applications.
  - \* Does not apply to all majors
  - \* Please consult your counselor

# ACT and SAT

- \* Scores must be sent from testing agency to college
  - \* Option to send scores to 4 colleges when registering
  - \* Can be sent after scores come in but there is a fee per school
- \* Testing should be completed by Fall of senior year
- \* ACT - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- \* SAT -  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

Fee waivers available for student who qualify. Contact your counselor.

# College Admissions

- \* Do your research & know where you stand in the admission requirements
  - \* **Reach** – GPA, coursework and test scores fall below the average requirements for the college
  - \* **Realistic** – GPA, coursework and test scores fall in the average range for the college
  - \* **Safe** – GPA, coursework and test scores is above the average range for the college

# NC Residency Determination

- \* For all NC Colleges
- \* For students to qualify as a North Carolina resident under state law, you will need to submit a residency application with RDS (Residency Determination Services).
- \* The application process for in-state residency is separate from the college application for admission.
- \* <https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/home>
- \* Login is your CFNC.org account username and password.
- \* Will need parent and student SSN to complete.
- \* Needs to be completed before applications to NC schools can be submitted

# How To Apply

- \* Colleges Website
- \* North Carolina Colleges – [www.CFNC.org](http://www.CFNC.org)
- \* Common Application – [www.commonapplication.org](http://www.commonapplication.org)
- \* Coalition Application - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- \* CFNC Application Week – October 18-22nd through [www.CFNC.org](http://www.CFNC.org) – some NC colleges will waive their application fee during this time
- \* Use Personal Email on all College Application accounts

# Essay

- \* Only required by some colleges
- \* READ the prompts and choose one
  - \* Depends on what application your use
- \* Do not make a list of activities/accomplishments- that is already on your application or resume
- \* Less on academics but more on personal in essay. Want to get to know you not an academic essay

# Essay

- \* Choose topic from the prompts that will showcase you
- \* Keep it simple
- \* Begin with a hook to encourage reader to find out more
- \* Tell your story and how it impacted you
- \* Use your own words
- \* Show don't tell
- \* Have it proofread by no more than 2 people

# Recommendations

- \* Teacher recommendations are requested through SCOIR. Do not request in Common Application. List teachers name in common application but leave email blank.
- \* Only required by some colleges
- \* Required for many scholarships
- \* Choose a teacher who knows you well and ask them before requesting in SCOIR. Complete Recommendation Brag Sheet in Scoir. Give 2 to 3 weeks notice to teachers.
- \* Write a thank you note to the teacher

# NCAA/NAIA

- \* Must register with NCAA if plan to participate in Division I or Division II sports in college
- \* Register at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- \* If college applying to is with NAIA must register with them at <https://www.naia.org/student-athletes/index>.
- \* Transcript will be uploaded to NCAA or NAIA website by counselor
- \* Test scores must be sent from ACT or SAT
- \* Fee waivers available for those who qualify

# Cost of Attendance for 2021-2022

	SPCC	UNCC	Wingate
Tuition/Fees	\$3,839	\$7,188	\$40,070
Room & Board	\$8,947	\$12,895	\$10,450
Books	\$1,404	\$1,000	\$1,250
Transportation	\$2,925	\$1,100	\$1,659
Misc/Personal	\$5,333	\$1,434	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,448</b>	<b>\$23,617</b>	<b>\$54,929</b>

Based on 12 credit hours

# Types of Scholarships

- \* National, State, College and Local
- \* Talent
  - \* Grades/Merit
  - \* Leadership
  - \* Extra-Curricular Activities
  - \* Athletics
  - \* Community Service
  - \* Essay
  - \* Performance/Audition
- \* Need-Based

# How to Find Scholarships

- \* Colleges Website you are applying to
  - \* [PWHS Scholarship Page](#)
- \* Free search engines
  - \* FastWeb.org
  - \* CFNC.org
  - \* Scholarships.com
  - \* Scholarships360.org
- \* Parents employment or clubs/organizations affiliated with



# Financial Aid

- \* Federal, State and College based Aid
- \* Types of Aid
  - \* Grants – Free money do not have to pay back
  - \* Loans
  - \* Work-Study
- \* How to Apply
  - \* FAFSA –Free Application for Federal Student Aid Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> – apply as early as possible at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - \* Must create FSA ID prior to completing application
- \* FAFSA Estimator
  - \* <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm>

# Financial Aid

- \* Some Colleges require additional forms
  - \* CSS PROFILE (has a fee)– check colleges for deadline
    - \* In NC – UNC Chapel Hill, Davidson, Elon, Wake Forest, Duke
  - \* Colleges own form
- \* <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/>
  - \* Links to local assistance for completing the FAFSA

# College Application Process

- ❖ Activate your Scoir account
- ❖ Narrow down list of colleges applying to and add to your Scoir list of colleges applying to - have a safe college on the list
  - Take virtual tours
  - **NACAC Virtual College Fair** - several dates between 9/28-11/14
- ❖ Finish taking ACT/SAT tests if required - send to colleges
- ❖ Complete NC Residency determination
- ❖ Determine what application using for each college - submit by deadline, use personal email

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- ❖ Complete any required/optional essays
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- ❖ Apply for Financial Aid - FAFSA, Profile if required
- ❖ Apply for Scholarships
- ❖ Check your college portal regularly for information required by college.

# Communication

- \* SCOIR

- \* Parents ask your student to invite you to join SCOIR in their student profile of their SCOIR account

- \* Website

- \* Daily Announcements
  - \* PWHS Counseling Website
  - \* PWHS School Wide Canvas has information on college under Parkwood Counselors and UCPS College Readiness (parents can view if a parent canvas observer)
  - \* Emails and announcements through canvas

- \* Connect Ed

- \* Twitter – follow us @ParkwoodHSNC and @PWHScounselingdept
  - \* Facebook - @ParkwoodHSNC
  - \* Instagram – @PWHScounselingdept

# Upcoming Events

- **Union County College Fair @ CATA** - October 3rd, 2pm-4pm
  - StriveFair.com to register and create your barcode
- **NACAC Virtual College Fair** - several dates between 9/28-11/14
  - <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/conventions>
- PWHS College Visits - TBA
  - Check Scoir, Social Media & Counseling page for updates!

Questions?