

## **College Information**

### **College Fairs**

- **Charlotte Christian College Fair - September 23, 2019 @ Charlotte Christian School (7301 Sardis Road, Charlotte) 6:00-8:00pm**
  - Free to attend
- **Union County College Fair – October 6, 2019 @ Wingate University (220 North Camden Road, Wingate) 2-4pm**
  - Free to attend. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/union-county-college-fair-tickets-59926941094>
- **Charlotte National College Fair – March 22, 2020 @ The Park Expo & Conference Center (800 Briar Creek Rd, Charlotte) 12-3pm**
  - Free to attend. Register at <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>

## **Steps in Applying**

**NC Residency** – determines student residency for North Carolina

- If applying to NC colleges must complete NC Residency at [www.NCresidency.org](http://www.NCresidency.org) before applying. Student use your CFNC.org username and password to log in.

### **College Applications**

- Apply using the application required by the college
  - Colleges application on their website
  - Common Application - <http://www.commonapp.org/> - used by some colleges
  - [www.CFNC.org](http://www.CFNC.org) – used by North Carolina Colleges
  - Coalition Application - <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- Make sure you use a personal email address on all college application materials, financial aid and scholarships
- Must match your Common App account with Naviance. Visit <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6773> for assistance with that process.

### **Other documentation requested by colleges in addition to application**

- Transcripts
  - Student must request through Naviance.
  - If the college requires or the student needs a paper copy of their transcript we will prepare it in a sealed envelope and STUDENT must pick it up and mail it. We DO NOT mail transcripts.
- Test Scores
  - Must be sent from testing agency.
  - If the college was listed when you took test the college will have it on file
  - If the college was not listed when tested then student must pay to have scores sent through online account with ACT or SAT.
- Recommendations (if required)
  - Teacher at PRHS – student must request through Naviance
    - Personally ask teacher before requesting through naviance, always give a thank you note, must give at least 20 days' notice

- Must complete in Naviance the Resume and Recommendation Information Survey (under “About Me” in Naviance)
- Counselor Recommendation – when students requests a transcript Naviance will let counselor know if a counselor recommendation is required for the college
- Someone not at PRHS
  - If using common application student requests through common app
  - If using colleges application student uses the colleges form

#### **4 year Colleges/Universities**

APPLY EARLY – spaces fill up, submit all documents by college’s priority deadline (some are as early as October 15<sup>th</sup>)

#### **2 year Community Colleges (SPCC or CPCC)**

Apply by end of January to be ready for registration for classes in March

**College Visits at PRHS** – Colleges visiting are listed in Naviance and on the school website under School Counseling then Upcoming Events. Students must sign up to attend in Naviance.

### **Financial Aid**

#### **Financial Aid Information Night on October 3rd at 6:30pm at PRHS**

Seniors can begin applying for financial aid on October 1<sup>st</sup> using the 2019-2020 FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). We recommend students apply in October. Money is first come first serve. List all colleges you may apply to on the FAFSA even if you have not yet applied including community colleges.

- [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov) - The FSA ID is the first step to completing the FAFSA. Your FSA ID enables both you and your parent/guardian to sign your FAFSA electronically. Can be done before October 1st.
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) - FREE Application for Federal Student Aid - seniors can apply beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> for the **2020-2021** application. (This is a free application. Do not pay to complete this application.)

### **Scholarships**

#### **How to find:**

- Naviance – list of local and national scholarships
  - Also has a national scholarship search program
- Colleges Website you are applying to
- PRHS Website –Under School Counseling Section, then scholarships - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4988> - list of free search engines
- Other high schools websites

#### **Things to know:**

- Pay attention to deadline dates
- Do not pay money to apply for a scholarship
- Bring copies of all scholarship offers (even ones you are not accepting) to Ms. Patterson in the counseling office.
- Report all offers in Naviance (even ones you are not accepting)