Senior College Information Night

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 15th
    * 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, <u>you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission</u>. 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 then 2 years at community college may need ACT or SAT (check with college)

* UNC campuses and some others are waiving testing for the Fall 2021 applications.

* SAT Subject tests required by some highly selective colleges – check the colleges you are considering
    * 1 hour tests in specific subjects

* Seniors should complete testing in the Fall. Must register online at least 6 weeks prior to test date.

ACT and SAT

* Scores must be sent from testing agency to college – student can have scores sent to 4 colleges for price of test when registering
* Once test taken students have to pay per college to send scores
* Should complete testing in Fall
* ACT - www.actstudent.org
* SAT -
   https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register

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

College Admissions

* 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.
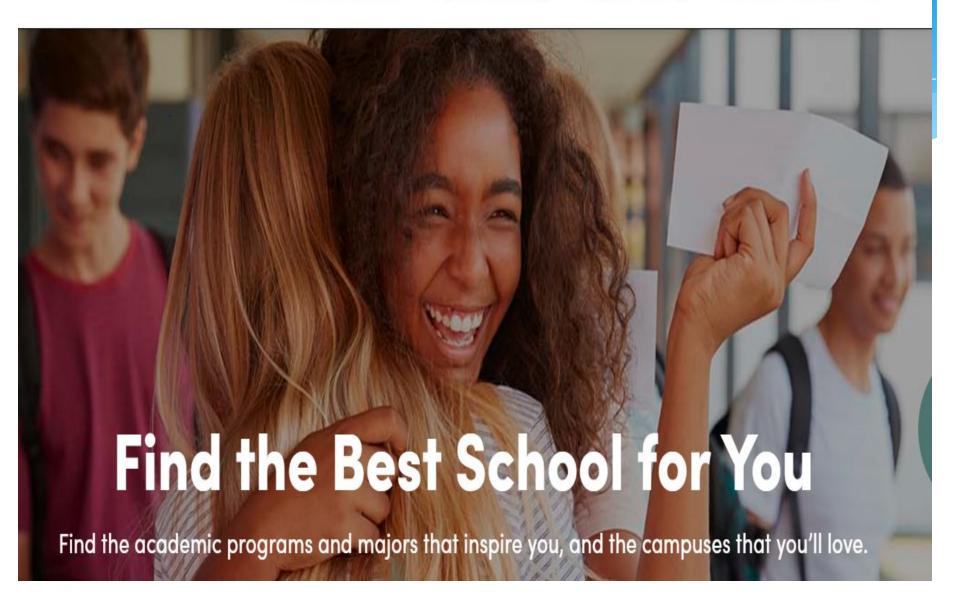* Students should see counselor if need help with this.

How To Apply

* Colleges Website
* North Carolina Colleges – www.CFNC.org
* Common Application – www.commonapplication.org
* Coalition Application - https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
* CFNC Application Weeks – October 19-30th through www.CFNC.org – some NC colleges will waive their application fee during this time
* Use Personal Email on all College Application accounts

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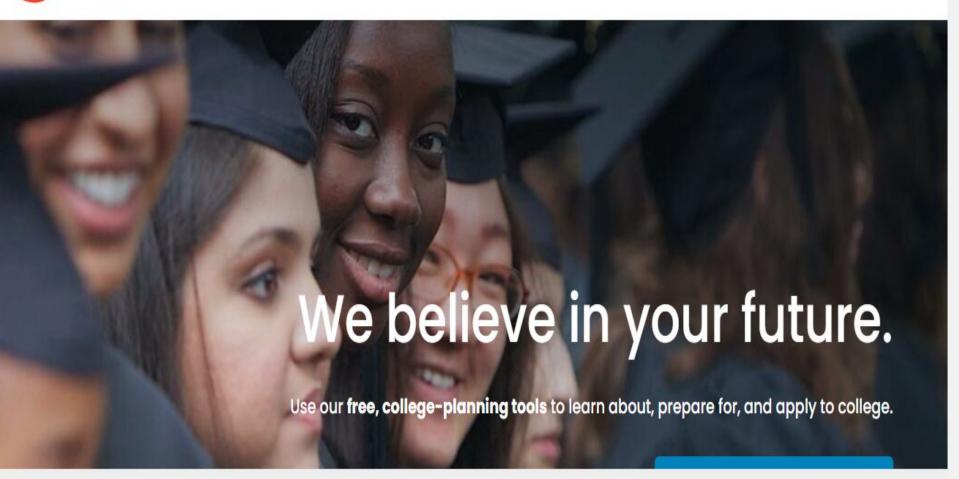
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Essay

* Only required by some colleges
* READ the prompt
* This is the opportunity for the college to learn things about you they cannot find on the rest of your application
    * Unusual details
    * Unexpected twists
    * Understated tone
* 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

* Tell a Story
* The essay is a way for the reader to understand why you do what you do
  * Hone in on one experience - a lens through which they see how you and how your world operates
  * Explain significance of event and what does it show about you
  * Reader needs to see what you are seeing
  * Reader needs to feel what you are feeling

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
* Do not state what you learned it should show in your story
* Have it proofread by no more than 2 people

Recommendations

* Teacher recommendations are requested through SCOIR. Do not request in Common Application.
* 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
* 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 2020-2021

	SPCC	UNCC	Wingate
Tuition/Fees	$2,015	$7,189	$38,796
Room & Board	$4,473	$12,800	$10,280
Books	$1,325	$1,250	$1,250
Transportation	$2,925	$2,140	$1,659
Misc/Personal	$5,333	$1,628	$1,500
Total	**$16,071**	**$25,106**	**$53,485**

Based on 12 credit hours

Types of Scholarships

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

How to Find Scholarships

* Colleges Website you are applying to
* PRHS Counseling Canvas Course
* PRHS Counseling Website
* Free search engines
    * FastWeb.org
    * CFNC.org
    * Scholarships.com
    * Scholarships360.org
* Other high schools websites
* Parents employment or clubs/organizations affiliated with

Scholarships

* Know Deadline Date to apply
* A few scholarships require a school nomination, most do not
* DO NOT pay money to apply for a scholarship
* What is required to apply for scholarship
    * Application
    * Resume
    * Letter of Recommendation
    * Essay
* Please bring or email copies of all scholarship offers in to Ms. Patterson in Counseling Office
* Report all scholarships awarded in SCOIR – even ones you are not accepting

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 1st – apply as early as possible at www.fafsa.ed.gov
* 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
  ➤ Register for the CACRAO Virtual College Fair 9/14-10/9
❖ 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

* Pirate Press –weekly email to parents & students

   - (email carolynn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us if not receiving these)

* SCOIR

   – Parents ask your student to invite you to join SCOIR in their student profile of their SCOIR account

* Website

   * Daily announcements posted on Canvas

   * PRHS Counseling Website - https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6773

   * PRHS Counseling Canvas Course (parents can view if a parent canvas observer)

* Connect Ed

* Twitter – follow us @PRHSHSNC and @PRHScounseling

* Facebook - @PorterRidgeHS.NC

* Instagram – porterridgehs