

Good news! Your high school senior may already be admitted to college.



If your student attends a North Carolina public high school, has a weighted GPA of 2.8 or higher, and meets the program requirements, they qualify for NC College Connect. This program offers direct admission to participating colleges and universities (no essays or test scores required), including:

- UNC System universities
- North Carolina independent colleges and universities
- North Carolina community colleges

Eligible students are directly admitted to institutions where they meet admission requirements, bypassing the traditional application process.

How Does It Work?

- **Notification:** Eligible students will receive an official letter at the start of the school year.
- **Portal Access:** Students can log into the NC College Connect portal to view the list of colleges and universities where they have received admission.
- **Acceptance:** Students complete a simple form to accept admission at each of their chosen institutions.

Are students admitted to all participating colleges?

No. Each student is matched to specific institutions based on their weighted GPA and meeting NC College Connect requirements. If your student does not qualify for direct admission through NC College Connect, they can still apply the traditional way through CFNC.org.

Does every senior with a 2.8 GPA qualify?

No. Eligibility is based on a student's weighted GPA at the end of junior year and meeting NC College Connect requirements. Eligible students will see a tailored list of colleges and universities in their portal, reflecting their GPA.

What are the requirements?

Students must complete the state's graduation requirements and NC College Connect course

requirements, in addition to maintaining their safety eligibility. For more information, visit NCCollegeConnect.org.

What if my student's GPA meets the threshold during senior year?

Eligibility for the program is determined at the end of junior year. Students must have a weighted 2.8 GPA at that time, and maintain it throughout their senior year. Students who don't qualify should visit CFNC.org to learn more about higher education options and additional support in planning, applying, and paying for college.

Can students accept admission to multiple colleges?

Yes. Students can accept admission to multiple institutions through the portal, similar to applying traditionally. However, this step does not guarantee enrollment — students are simply informing the colleges and universities that they are interested in attending.

What are the deadlines?

Deadlines vary by institution, ranging from January 15 to July 15, 2026. Students should confirm the individual deadlines for their chosen schools. However, if your student has been directly admitted to their dream school, they should accept their spot as soon as they are able!

Are application fees required?

Many applications submitted through NC College Connect are free. For others, fees range from \$20 to \$75. Community college applications are always free, and most institutions accept fee waivers. Students are encouraged to submit their short forms during College Application Week (October 20–26, 2025) to avoid application fees for most participating colleges.

Does this program affect scholarships?

No. Students remain eligible for financial aid and merit-based scholarships, as long as they select in their portal

for their transcript to be sent to their admitted institutions. They should check individual scholarship deadlines for each institution, as well as other North Carolina financial aid opportunities collected on CFNC.org.

Will counselors be notified of eligible students?

Yes. High school counselors will receive a list of eligible students, and will be available to assist with any questions or misplaced letters.

Why choose NC College Connect?

This program simplifies the college application process, saving time and reducing stress. Eligible students are directly admitted to participating institutions, eliminating the need for traditional applications.

For more information, visit NCCollegeConnect.org or contact your student's counselor.

**Check out the upcoming
NC College Connect information
sessions and webinars!**

[August 20, 1 p.m.](#)
[September 3, 10 a.m.](#)
[October 7, 1 p.m.](#)