



It is going to be **very important** to stay on top of things this year, application requirements, deadlines, scholarship applications, and everyday school work. **Keep yourself organized!**

Fall Semester

- Make sure you have your CFNC log in information, you will need this for applying to colleges in NC and sending your transcript, if you need it see Mrs. Hays
- Need to have at least a 17 on your ACT, 800 on SAT and a 2.5 GPA in order to apply to a UNC system college/university
- Check your transcript to make sure you know your GPA and class rank
- If applying early you may want to take another ACT or SAT, you should do this by the October test date
- ACT web site www.actstudent.org
- SAT web site www.collegeboard.org
- Send colleges your scores they are not on your transcript
- Start college applications, pay attention to deadlines

- DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to fill out applications, you may need something and no one may be available at the last minute to do what you may need
- 2 free college application waivers if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, see Mrs. Hays
- 2 free waivers to take the SAT or ACT if you qualify for free/reduced lunch, see Mrs. Hays
- If your college application requires a teacher recommendation ask a teacher who knows you well, please do not wait until the last minute to ask for a letter, give a teacher a week to write you a letter
- Attend college fairs and open houses to narrow your college choices down to 4-5
- Check out the net price calculator on college websites to get an estimate of what attending that college/university will cost you
- College Application week will occur in November check out what colleges/universities will be waiving their application fees; www.cfnc.org
- Attend financial aid sessions to make sure you know how to apply for aid which could be in the form of scholarships and grants
- You want to have your college applications completed by Christmas
- Order your cap and gown

Scholarships

- You will get monthly listings in first block starting September, review the list and apply to what you qualify for, pay attention to deadlines
- Turn in applications typed, or written neatly in ink
- Pay attention to deadlines
- Each individual college has their own set of scholarships, visit the college's web site to see what you may qualify for

Financial Aid

- You will apply for FAFSA January of your senior year
- Need a PIN number, visit www.fsaaid.ed.gov a PIN number is needed for 1 parent and 1 for the student applying to college, you can do this fall of senior year
- Financial aid workshops are offered in the county a couple of times starting in the fall and into January
- Keep track of your scholarship/grant money so that it can be added to your class total

Spring Semester

- Complete your FAFSA for scholarship and grant money
- If you have taken community college classes send your transcript to the colleges you are applying to
- Complete scholarship applications
- Compare acceptance letters with your financial aid package and determine what is the best fit for you
- If you are not accepted to the college(s) of your choice make sure you have a backup plan
- Decide what school you are going to attend and send in deposit by May 1st
- Submit your scholarship/grant money to Mrs. Hays so it can be counted in the total for your class
- Get ready to graduate!

