

WELCOME CLASS OF
2018 AND PARENTS!



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SO, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY... WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2017 GO?

- East Carolina University (22)
- UNC Chapel Hill (9)
- NC A&T (8)
- UNCW (7)
- NC State (6)
- Fayetteville State (5)
- Winston Salem State University (5)
- NC Central University (5)
- Appalachian State University (4)
- Barton College (3)
- Liberty University (3)
- Meredith College (3)
- Elizabeth City State University (2)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Ohio State University
- Howard University
- Johnson and Wales University
- BYU
- Wilson CC(44), Pitt CC (28), Nash CC (5)





TEN STEPS TO COLLEGE

The quick and simple guide to college applications!



NO NEED TO PANIC

OUR GOAL FOR TONIGHT:
TO GIVE YOU THE TOOLS AND INFO YOU NEED TO GET
YOUR COLLEGE APPS SUBMITTED WITH A MINIMUM OF
STRESS AND A MAXIMUM OF JOY!



1. SET YOUR SIGHTS



➤ KNOW WHERE YOU WANT TO APPLY

➤ BE AWARE OF NC PROMISE SCHOOLS

[HTTPS://NCPROMISE.COM/](https://ncpromise.com/)

➤ RESEARCH THE ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE AT

[HTTPS://BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/)

➤ CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE SAFE SCHOOL



2. MAKE A GAME PLAN



- RESEARCH APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY (SUBMIT BY EARLY DEADLINES WHENEVER POSSIBLE!)
- TEST AGAIN IF NECESSARY
- WRITE/UPDATE YOUR RESUME
- ASK YOUR RECOMMENDERS



3. COMPLETE THE RESIDENCY DETERMINATION PROCESS

[HTTPS://NCRESIDENCY.CFNC.ORG/RESIDENCY/#/
RESLOGIN](https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residency/#/RESLOGIN)



WHY RDS?

- YOU WON'T GET STATE FINANCIAL AID WITHOUT IT
- YOU WON'T BE CONSIDERED AS AN IN-STATE APPLICANT WITHOUT IT
- DO THIS BEFORE SUBMITTING APPS SO THAT YOU CAN INCLUDE YOUR RCN NUMBER WITH YOUR APPLICATION IF REQUIRED. YOU WILL NEED SOC SEC.#, TAX INFO & DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CAR REGISTRATION



4. ROUND UP THE
ESSENTIAL PAPERWORK!



WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL PAPERWORK?

- TRANSCRIPT
- RESUME
- TEST SCORES
- RECOMMENDER AND COUNSELOR CONTACT INFO
- PARENT INFO
- LOGIN USERNAMES/PASSWORDS
- RCN NUMBER



5. PREPARE YOUR ESSAY(S)





YOUR ESSAY SHOULD BE....

YOUR ESSAY IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
MOST DIRECTLY TELL THE ADMISSIONS
STAFF WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU
SHOULD BE ACCEPTED

**thoughtful * grammatically correct * well-edited
* genuine * illuminating ***
NOT a recitation of your resume



6. OKAY, NOW IT'S TIME TO
GET THOSE APPS IN!

(HAVE SOMEONE ELSE LOOK OVER IT BEFORE YOU SUBMIT!)





APPLICATION PORTALS:

COMMON APPLICATION
CFNC
ADMISSIONS WEBSITES

College App Week
November 13-17, 2017



7. SUBMIT YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



GOT YOUR APP SUBMITTED? YOU'RE NOT DONE YET!

SEND...

- TRANSCRIPT (S)
- TEST SCORES
- RECOMMENDATIONS IF REQUESTED
- INTERVIEW IF REQUESTED
- CSS PROFILE IF REQUESTED

CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND APPLICATION PORTALS REGULARLY!

HOW WILL I SUBMIT MY FIKE TRANSCRIPT?!?

- IS IT A COMMON APP APPLICATION?
 - You will submit your counselor contact info on the student portal
 - Your counselor will upload your transcript-no cost
- IS IT A NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, BUT NOT A COMMON APP APPLICATION?
 - You will send your transcript through your CFNC account-no cost
 - CFNC
- IS IT AN OUT OF STATE COLLEGE, BUT NOT A COMMON APP APPLICATION?
 - You will tell your counselor where you need a transcript sent to and we will send a paper copy OR
 - That college will use a service such as SENDedu that enables us to upload a transcript-also no cost!

WHAT ABOUT MY WILSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT?

YOU WILL SEND A WCC TRANSCRIPT THROUGH THE WCC RECORDS OFFICE.....

- At time of application if requested (App State, UNCW)
- At any point in the application process, if requested
- At the end of your senior year so that your credit can be considered for transfer

HOW ARE WCC TRANSCRIPTS REQUESTED?

- In person at the Community College in room F100
- Requested by mail (Request form available in the Counseling Office)
- Requested electronically via the WCC website
- There is a per transcript fee for all WCC transcript requests

HOW WILL I SUBMIT MY TEST SCORES?!?




➤ SAT

- You will send your scores through the College Board website
- \$12 per score report that can cover multiple test dates, free if you tested with a fee waiver
- You can also send up to 4 score reports for free if you list those colleges at the time you register for the test

➤ ACT

- You will send your transcript through the ACT website
- \$13 per score report per test date

➤ **Your application will not be complete until scores are received!**



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search

Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options

Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

Announcements

- The new 2016-2017 FAFSA is here! To begin your application, click Start A New FAFSA.
- The 2016-2017 IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be available on Feb. 7, 2016.

Thinking About College?



Use *FAFSA4caster* to see how federal student aid can help you pay

8. COMPLETE THE FAFSA

(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID!)

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT OCTOBER 17, WCC
FAFSA DAY OCTOBER 28, 2017



FAFSA WEBSITE

www.
FAFSA
.gov

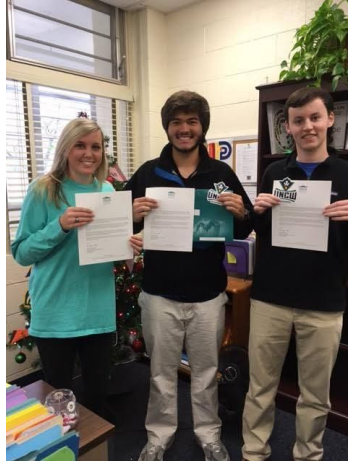


9. APPLY FOR APPLICABLE
SCHOLARSHIPS/HONORS



TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

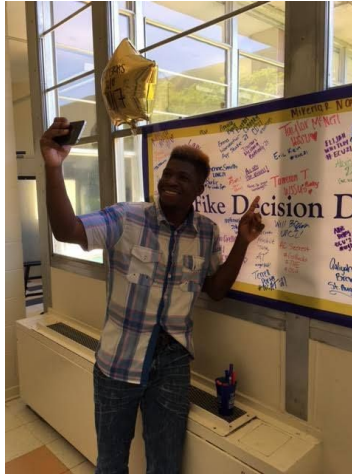
- MERIT BASED
 - BASED ON STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN GENERAL OR SPECIFIC AREAS
- NEED BASED
 - BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED
- INSTITUTION BASED
- MAJOR SPECIFIC
- RELATED TO GROUP MEMBERSHIP SUCH AS NHS, FBLA, ETC
- LEGACY SPECIFIC FOR CHILDREN OF ALUMS
- OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS CHILDREN OF SERVICE MEMBERS, ETC.



10. PATIENTLY/ANXIOUSLY AWAIT
DECISION!

(KEEP WORKING HARD AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!)





LET US KNOW!
NOTIFY COLLEGE BY MAY 1

