NC Countdown to College

Residency | FAFSA | Applications

- **Week One** – FAFSA and Residency Determination
- **Week Two** – Prepare students to apply
- **Week Three** (Oct 21-25) – Help students apply
- **Week Four** – Follow-up

nccountdowntocollege.org
CFNC.org/C2C

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Tips for Schools

• “Colleges Waiving Application Fee” (Oct 21-25) document is on home page of nccountdowntocollege.org

• Visit Resources tab of site for detailed documents including information on linked campuses

October 2019

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Residency
To be eligible for in-state tuition, state grants, and certain financial aid, you must show that you are a resident of North Carolina. Go to www.ncresidency.org to complete your residency determination, also known as RDS. This is important regardless of what college or university you may attend in North Carolina. You will use the same username and password for www.ncresidency.org and www.CFNC.org.

FAFSA
Completing the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college. In addition to federal financial aid, the State of North Carolina and most NC colleges use FAFSA information to award state and institutional financial aid. You might want to complete NC’s Residency Determination Service process at the same time as your FAFSA since much of the required information is the same.

Applications
College Application Week for 2019 is October 22-25 (9:30 a.m.) and volunteers at hundreds of NC high schools will help students submit online applications for admission. During this week, many North Carolina colleges and universities waive their application fees. Qualifying students can use the College Board or ACT fee waiver for institutions not waiving their application fees (see your high school counselor for more information).
NC Countdown to College

Tips for Schools

• Check out the school resources on the event site such as “Technology Guidelines for Schools” and the “Site Coordinator’s Resource Guide”

Step 1 – Register Your School

Thank you for your work to support students during NC Countdown to College! Below are the steps to a successful event. Consult the Site Coordinator’s Resource Guide for more information and ideas for event hosting.
New page for parents…..

including a new page for Spanish-speaking parents.

As a parent, we know you want your student to have all the resources they need to be prepared for college.

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1. Residency
2. FAFSA
3. Applications

Use this page and the Countdown to College Application Checklist as a guide to help you and your student get started.

⚠️ Remember, your student will need some of your personal information when preparing for college. Reviewing the sections below will help you know what information is needed.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

› Is your student still unsure of their future career plans? Have them try a Career Assessment.
› Use the CFNC College Search to find more colleges to apply to and which schools offer your student’s intended major.
› Visit CFNC “Pay” to learn more about financial aid, scholarships, NC Assist, and more.
› Understand Financial Basics, giving your student information on how to budget, earn, save and spend before heading off to college.
› Learn about the College Redirection Pool, open each year from April 1 – August 31.
› Have younger students at home? Consider a 529 Plan.
Linked Campus Update

ECU is back!

All other linked campuses information remains the same as last year. Find more information about Linked Campus Applications at C2C > Resources > Applications.

Academic program information on CFNC.org now includes more detailed information for NC colleges.

This improves the ability to find more programs using College Search.
Academic Program Improvements

It also improves what a student can learn about a program when reviewing College Profiles.

New CIP (Classification of Instructional Program) details for most programs.
And the new academic program data include details for graduate programs too.
1. CFNC is collaborating with NC Commerce and other agencies on a new NCCareers.org site.

2. The new version of CFNC.org and the new NC Careers site are both scheduled to launch in early 2020.

3. The new version of CFNC.org in early 2020 will still have same career functionality.

NOW, what You have all been waiting for!!

A sample look at the new CFNC.org in 2020.
https://projects.invisionapp.com/share/6BTBDMVNRNXW#/screens/377501593
My Dashboard

My College Plan
Always start with the FAFSA, it's necessary to determine your eligibility for federal and state financial aid. It’s free to complete and submit!

Plan of Study
45%
of Plan Completed
You've earned 3 ★ stars to date.
Work on Your Plan

Saved Colleges
- Appalachian State University
  Application Deadline: Jun 15, 2020
- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute
  Application Deadline: Jul 21, 2020
- Duke University
  Application Deadline: May 4, 2020
- Meredith College
  Application Deadline: Jun 16, 2020
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
  Application Deadline: Jul 21, 2020

See All Saved Colleges (16)

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Search for Colleges

Explore Programs and Majors
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Submit an Application
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Get Started
College is expensive, but there are more ways to pay for it than I realized.

Get Help Paying for College

College isn't cheap. We understand. Did you know that there are many ways to pay for college that won't break your budget? From scholarships to financial aid, grants to federal student loans, part-time work to private loans. There are many financial opportunities out there to help. Learn about which options are best for you to make smart financial decisions for your future.
CFNC started an initial data purge on September 1, 2019. In the future, CFNC will purge data every June 30th for:

- Applications and transcripts submitted more than 3 years old, and
- Inactive accounts more than 7 years old.
E-Transcript Reminders

• Unlike many services which cost and require a credit card, this service from DPI is FREE!

• Previous graduates back to at least 2007 can also use this service. Some as far back as 2003 (when NC WISE began).

• Request: please check your district/school web site to ensure your students AND graduates are guided to take advantage of this free service.
Updated NC College Admissions Deadlines and Open House Information for Fall 2020

- Share a link to this resource via your social media channels or on your school website.
- Helpful as a guide, but students should always check with campuses since dates can change.
- Get this at CFNC.org > Apply to College > Quicklinks

North Carolina College Admissions Deadlines and Open House Information for Fall 2020

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CFNC Widgets

Add new, updated widgets to your school site: CFNC.org/widgets

SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT ONLINE

You can request your NC high school transcript to be sent to any NC college or university for FREE!

CFNC.org | REQUEST TRANSCRIPT

ACT / SAT Dates & Deadlines for 2019-20

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Financial Aid Questions?

What is the FAFSA, and when should I apply? ➤
How do I find scholarships and grants for college? ➤
What are the ways to pay for college? ➤

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2019 FAFSA Day

- Saturday, October 26, 2019
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Schedule individual appointment with SECU in November
- Families can register at [CFNC.org/FAFSAday](http://CFNC.org/FAFSAday)
CFI’s NC Assist Loans

• Alternative loan (for students and parents) available to NC residents and out-of-state students attending NC schools
• No application or origination fees
• 0.25% interest rate reduction if payments are made by auto-draft
• Borrow as little as $1,000 or as much as you need to bridge the gap between other aid offered and school’s cost of attendance
• Be a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen
• Benefitting student must be enrolled (degree program) at least half-time in an eligible school and maintain SAP
• Meet credit score requirements, or have a credit-worthy co-signer (spouse or relative of the student borrower)

NCAssist.org
## CFI’s NC Assist Loans

### Federal Direct Loans
U.S. Department of Education

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Fall CFNC Counselor Training

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- What's new in financial aid/FAFSA?
- Assisting with special circumstances
- Featuring a panel of financial aid administrators and an RDS representative

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Join your colleagues for a hands-on session about CFNC.org to include:
  - Upcoming changes to CFNC.org and collaboration with NCCareers.org
  - Professional Center update
  - New resources, tools, and tips

.3 CEUs
.2 Digital Learning CEUs

October:
10th Raleigh
14th Banner Elk
15th Jamestown
16th Wilmington
17th Asheville
Elizabeth City
Greenville

Register at CFNC.org/events
CFNC Spanish Services

Assisting Immigrant Students and Children of Immigrants

FREE Workshops and Webinar Series for counselors, educators and advocates

➢ Register for Webinar Series at cfnc.org/events

• CFNC.org/Adelante (includes scholarships)
• CFNC Spanish Resources
• Goldendoorscholars.org (full ride)

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CFNC Spanish Services

Contact Juana Hernandez at juana.hernandez@cfi.org
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