

College Admissions & Scholarships 101

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Step One: Finding the Right College

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UNC System Schools Minimum Requirements

- Requirements for admission to an NC Public School (ex. App, UNC, NC State, ECU etc).
 - 2.5 cumulative weighted GPA
 - 17 composite ACT score
 - 880 critical reading + math SAT score
 - Higher test scores = more scholarship money
- If you don't meet this minimums you are still eligible to go to private schools and community colleges

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Guess the average GPA!

NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY



3.13

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL



THE UNIVERSITY
of **NORTH CAROLINA**
at **CHAPEL HILL**

4.59

SHAW UNIVERSITY



2.31

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE



3.86

Making a list

- Advise your student to make a list of 3-5 schools to apply
 - Reach school(s): Schools a little outside averages (1-2)
 - Match schools: Schools that closely match average GPA and average test scores (2-3)
 - Safety schools: Schools that have guaranteed entry or are well below the averages (1-2)

Step Two: Getting Into College

Important Terms to Know:

- Early decision: students apply early in the application process, if admitted, they must attend the institution (binding)
- Early action: students apply early in application process. If admitted, they are NOT required to attend the institution (non-binding)
 - Apply from October - December, hear back by January
- Regular decision: students apply later in the application process, they are NOT required to attend the institution
 - Apply in the spring, hear back in April
- Rolling admission: admissions reps look at applications weekly, and accept students weekly

Parts of College Applications

- Academic rigor (difficulty of classes comparatively)
- Extracurricular involvement
- GPA
- Test scores (ACT or SAT)
- Personal statements/essays
- Letters of recommendation
- Application fee

Example Deadlines

Upcoming College Deadlines

Early Action (Non-Binding)

	NC State University	Oct. 15
	NC Central	Oct. 15
	UNC Chapel Hill	Oct. 15
	UNC School of the Arts	Oct. 24
	UNC Charlotte	Nov. 01
	UNC Wilmington	Nov. 01
	Elon University	Nov. 10
	Appalachian State	Nov. 15
	UNC Asheville	Nov. 15
	Warren Wilson College	Nov. 15
	Western Carolina	Nov. 15
	Guilford College	Dec. 01
	Meredith College	Dec. 01
	Queens University	Dec. 01
	UNC Greensboro	Dec. 01
	Wake Forest University	Dec. 01



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If you have any questions about the college application process, contact your college adviser.



Applying

- Apply online! Go to admissions websites for more instructions
- College Application Week (CAW)
 - Lots of colleges waive application fees during this time
 - Bring all seniors down to the media center to apply to one college

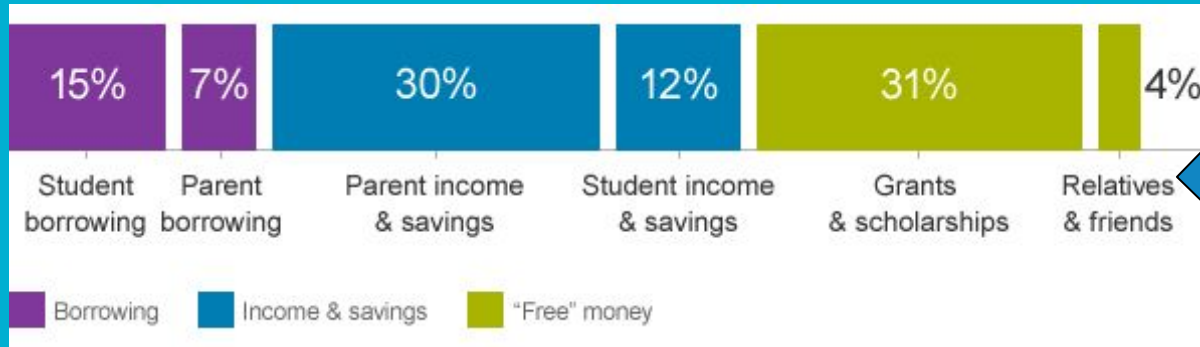
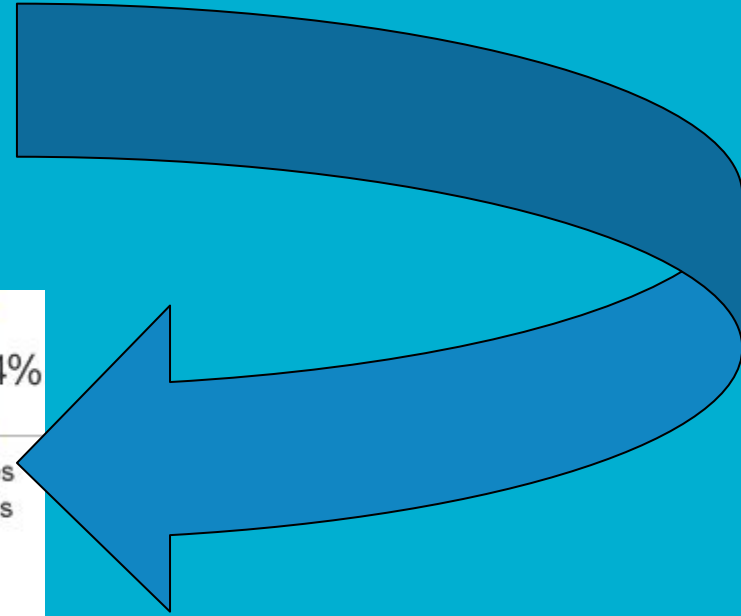
Step Three: Paying for College

Residency Determination Service (RDS)

- Must complete to be eligible for in-state tuition! (public institutions and community colleges)
- ncresidency.org- student must complete!
- You will need:
 - Driver's license numbers, Social Security Numbers, Tag numbers
- Take extreme care in completing!
 - Times out after 25 days



The Costs of College



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

SCHOLARSHIP

FREE money based on need or merit (special talent, achievement or skill)

GRANT

FREE money based on financial need

STUDENT LOAN

NOT free and NOT based on financial need



SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Federal Government
- State Programs
- College/University funds
- Outside agencies – Churches, Work, Civic Organizations, etc.



CFNC – College Foundation of North Carolina

www.cfnc.org or 1-866-866-CFNC

- Wonderful FREE website for parents and students!
- Students create an account and can plan for college/career, apply to colleges and universities, send their transcripts, find information about grants, loans and scholarships.
- Parents can help their child with college and career planning, as well as explore NC colleges/universities and saving for college.

The screenshot shows the CFNC.org website interface. At the top, the logo 'CFNC.org' is displayed with the tagline 'Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college'. Navigation links include 'Sign in | Create My CFNC Account en Español', 'About CFNC | Contact Us | Resources/Videos | Need Help? | Advanced Search', and a search bar. A horizontal menu offers options: 'My CFNC', 'Plan', 'Apply', 'Pay', and 'Save (NC 529)'. Below this, there are three main sections: 1. 'Access Your Account' with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'LOG IN' button, and links for 'FORGOT YOUR USERNAME OR PASSWORD?' and 'CREATE MY CFNC ACCOUNT'. 2. A large banner for 'Choose a role to get started on CFNC' with the text 'Brighter future? College works.' and an image of three students. 3. A 'Hot Topics' section with three items: 'Middle School Summer Scholarships', 'Test Prep', and 'Explore Financial Aid Eligibility'. On the right side, there is a vertical menu for user roles: 'Student', 'Parent', 'Adult Learner', 'Military / Military Dependent', 'Education Professional', and 'Account Holder'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Need Money for College?' advertisement featuring a student and a 'START NOW' button with a play icon. The footer includes 'More news...'.

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- Individual Colleges
- Senior Guide on Canvas
- FCHS Morning Announcements
- College Board website -
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search#>
- Fastweb.com
- Pitt County Schools Website; pitt.k12.nc.us
- FCHS Website

Scholarship Resources

- Scholarship Spreadsheet (FCHS Homepage accessed through PCS)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15tbTNlVdtJJkwuEILWSJPhiB16zNv7ZhWm6E7gzNPn4>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Farmville Central High School website. The address bar shows the URL <https://www.pitt.k12.nc.us/fchs>, with a red arrow pointing to it. The website header includes navigation links: DISTRICT HOME, SELECT A SCHOOL..., TRANSLATE THIS PAGE..., and a search bar. The main title is "Farmville Central High School" with "SIGN IN" and "REGISTER" links. Below the title is a navigation menu with "HOME", "OUR SCHOOL", "STAFF", "RESOURCES", "ATHLETICS", and "CONTACT US". The "RESOURCES" menu is open, showing a list of items: PCS CURRICULUM GUIDE, SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (highlighted with a red arrow), SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, RESOURCES, PCS PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK, ENROLLMENT, and STUDENT PHOTOS. The background features a tiger mascot logo on the left and a photo of two students on the right. On the far right, there are icons for "CALENDAR" and "MENUS".