

Welcome



Class of 2020

Post-secondary Options

College

- Public colleges
- Private colleges
- Two year junior colleges
- Two year community/technical colleges

Military

Employment/Self Employment

Gap Year



Meet Me: Mr. Hines - College Advise



-NCSU Alumnus: Major in Political Science
-College Involvement: Society of African American Culture, Arabic Club, intramural flag football & dodgeball, Eco-Village, served as a paralegal for undocumented immigrants in Dilley, TX, Pan-African Talent Show

Military

Determine which branch is for you. Talk with more than one branch to make this determination.

Take the ASVAB. [HERE](#) November 19th!

Talk with a recruiter to determine your best options.

You can go to college and be in the military at the same time. See if money is available for tuition.

College Admissions

- * Minimum Admissions Requirements: PUBLIC Schools

- * 2.5 GPA

- * 880 SAT

- * 17 ACT

- * Students should register to take the SAT and/or the ACT in the first half of the senior year if planning to attend 4 year college.

- * Register at www.collegeboard.com for the SAT

- * Register at www.actstudent.org for the ACT

My CFNC

Plan

Apply

Pay

Save (NC 529)

[Sign In](#)

[Create Account](#)



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[Military / Military Dependent](#)

[Education Professional](#)

[Account Holder](#)

Fast Access

- [Apply To College](#)
- [Make A Payment](#)
- [Add To Your NC 529 Plan](#)
- [Residency Determination](#)

CFNC Events

[Register for Webinars, Seminars and Other Training Opportunities](#)

Be In The Know

- [My CFNC, NC 529 Plan](#)
- [CFNC, NC 529 Plan](#)

Hot Topics



Apply to College

Apply to NC colleges and universities online and send your official electronic high school transcript, too!



SAT/ACT Test Prep Help

SAT or ACT coming up? Practice your test-taking skills with our free Test Prep.



September is College Savings Month

College years are closer than you think. College Savings Month is a good time to open or add to a NC 529 Account!



Ways to get help completing the FAFSA?

Find information on **FAFSA Day** and a campus near you. Financial aid administrators are waiting to help you complete your FAFSA. Just

Need Money for College?



Check out our scholarships and grants page

[START NOW](#)





Meet Nydia

I was homesick at first, but now I love my college.

Nydia wanted a school close to home — but she discovered her favorite part of college was the freedom of being on her own.

Watch

Not sure where to start?
[Go](#) ▶

Search for colleges that fit you.

find colleges

Look up a college by name

[Go](#)

OR

Search by location, major — any way you'd like.

[Search](#)

pay for college

How much federal financial aid is out there to help students pay for college? Take a guess.

\$1 billion

[Get the Facts](#)

make a plan

Get a free step-by-step college plan. Just answer a few simple questions.

What grade are you in?

- 8th or lower
- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th
- H.S. grad

Getting in College

- How do schools decide who gets in?
 - There are many things considered:
 - GPA
 - Class Rank
 - Level of difficulty in classes
 - Admissions Essays
 - ACT/SAT scores
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Recommendations

Academic Rigor

Academic Rigor: Important to maintain.

Colleges like to see English & Math in the senior year schedule.

Colleges can rescind acceptance based on the final transcript.

Be careful when making schedule changes if you have previously sent a transcript. Remember the transcript has current courses. It is the student's responsibility to contact the college before making a schedule change.

If entering the military, senior year performance can affect your options. Be sure to discuss any changes with your recruiter.

Types of Admissions

- **Early Action vs. Early Decision vs. Regular Deadline**
 - **Early Action:** Non-Binding. An early acceptance into the University. Still have until May 1st to make your decision and submit deposits.
 - Often required for consideration for merit-based scholarships
 - **Early Decision:** BINDING! If accepted, you MUST attend this school!
 - Duke, Wake Forest, Davidson, Elon
 - **Regular Deadline:** Non-Binding. Usually in January/February. Use if you need to increase GPA or for E.D. schools you're not ready to commit to attending.
- **Rolling Admissions**
 - Submit ASAP for the best chances of being accepted and better Financial Aid package!

NC Countdown to College

- WEEK 1 & 2: FAFSA and RDS
- WEEK 3: College Application Week
- WEEK 4: Follow up
- College application week
 - October 21 - October 25
 - Free applications for participating colleges

NC Countdown to College

RDS & FAFSA

- Residency Determination Service (RDS)
 - Need to prove you are a citizen of North Carolina
 - Must have an CFNC account
 - Can be found through CFNC
 - Need RCN for application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Opens October 1st
 - Must complete by March 1st
 - Must complete to receive financial aid/scholarships
 - FAFSA Day is **Oct. 26**. Must register on CFNC.

Residency Determination Service (RDS)

- www.ncresidency.org
- RDS and CFNC use the same login information. Students should not create a new login if they already have a CFNC account. Once a student has started RDS, s/he must complete RDS using the same login information.



NC Countdown to College

Participating Colleges

- All NC Community Colleges
- Barton College
- Belmont Abbey College
- Bennett College
- Brevard College
- Campbell University
- Catawba College
- Chowan College
- East Carolina University (1st time)
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- Gardner-Webb University

NC Countdown to College

Participating Colleges

- Greensboro College
- Guilford College
- Johnson & Wales
- Johnson C Smith University
- Lees-McCrae College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Louisburg College
- Mars Hill University
- Meredith College
- Methodist University
- Montreat College

NC Countdown to College

Participating Colleges

- NC A&T University
- NC Central University
- NC Wesleyan College
- Pfeiffer University
- Saint Augustine's University
- Salem College
- Shaw University
- St. Andrews University
- University of Mount Olive
- Warren Wilson College
- William Peace University
- Wingate University
- Winston-Salem State University

SAT and ACT

- For students who will begin at a 4-year college or university.
- This is a predictor test for college performance.
- Either one is acceptable for college admission.
- SAT is \$49.50. SAT with essay is \$64.50.
- ACT is \$52. ACT with essay is \$68.

SAT & ACT

SAT

Test Date	Deadline		Test Date	Deadline
Oct. 5	Sept. 6		Oct. 26	Sept. 20
Nov. 2	Oct. 3		Dec. 14	Nov. 8
Dec. 7	Nov. 8		Feb. 8	Jan. 10
Mar 14	Feb. 14			

ACT

Fee Waivers

- Fee Waivers are available to students for the SAT and ACT. You should qualify if you are on free or reduced lunch. If you have questions about this, please see your counselor. Fee Waivers also apply to NCAA, AP fees, and college application fees for up to four colleges.

NCAA Eligibility

Register with NCAA Eligibility Center if planning to play a sport for a Division I or II college.

Cost is \$90.



Financial Aid & Scholarships

Scholarship information will be posted on the website and on the counselor's door.

FAFSA opens Oct. 1.

- 1. The student and one parent will need a FSA ID in order to sign the FAFSA. <https://fsaid.ed.gov>**
- 2. To submit the FAFSA, go to fafsa.gov. Make sure to choose the correct year—the year you will enter college.**
- 3. Use the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) if possible to link income information to your FAFSA.**
- 4. If entering college in 2020, use 2018 tax information.**
- 5. After FAFSA submission, watch for an email with the Student Aid Report (SAR). Follow instructions.**

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships recognize students who take six key actions to prepare for college.

1. Build Your College List

Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in with BigFuture™.

\$500 (600 scholarships)

2. Practice for the SAT®

Get ready for test day with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®.

\$1,000 (1,500 scholarships)

3. Improve Your Score

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score.

\$2,000 (150 scholarships)

4. Strengthen Your College List

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.

\$500 (400 scholarships)

5. Complete the FAFSA

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.

\$1,000 (800 scholarships)

6. Apply to Colleges

Apply to the schools you want to attend.

\$1,000 (500 scholarships)



Complete all six key

actions to be

eligible for the

Complete Your

Journey

Scholarship

\$40,000

(25 scholarships)

Additional Scholarships

- CFNC.org
- Fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com
- Cappex.com
- Niche.com
- Google
- Website will be updated as scholarship info is received.

RESOURCES:

- Google/Search Engine
- CFNC.org
- Collegeboard.org
- Common App -
commonapp.org
- ACT.org
- Counselor
- School website