

# COLLEGE ADMISSION CHECKLIST



**NC COUNTDOWN  
TO COLLEGE**

**College**  
**Foundation**  
of North Carolina

**CFNC.org**

## A Step-by-Step Guide to Applying to College

### 1 GET STARTED

**Create/Update Your CFNC Profile.**

Your My Profile information will automatically populate the corresponding fields on your applications. Your CFNC login will be the same for NC Residency also!

**Explore Colleges and Universities.**

Go to the College Search section to filter schools based on criteria that's important to you and your goals.

**Save Your Favorite Schools.**

Keep your favorite schools in one place for easy access when researching and applying.

**Get Your FSA ID.**

Your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID allows you to sign your FAFSA and federal education loan promissory notes.

### 2 PREPARE A PLAN

**Keep Track of Application Deadlines.**

Make sure you have a list of deadlines so you don't miss any important dates

**Explore Colleges and Identify Application Fees.**

If an application fee is required, you may still qualify to get a fee waiver. Check with your school counselor!

**Complete a Practice Application.**

Fill out the CFNC practice application to help you identify and prepare for the information you may need.

**Prepare Essays and Personal Statements.**

Have your essays and personal statements ready so they can be easily uploaded or copy-pasted to your application. Make sure to check for word counts or other requirements.

**Carefully Read the Introduction.**

Take your time and read the application introduction carefully. Each school has different requirements and instructions.

### 3 GO APPLY

**Complete Your NC Residency (RDS).**

Your residency status determines your eligibility for state grants and in-state tuition. Visit [www.ncresidency.org](http://www.ncresidency.org).

**Submit Your FAFSA.**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used to determine your eligibility for federal aid & state grants. Complete your FAFSA as soon after December as possible!

**Submit Your College Applications.**

Start your applications on CFNC.org to take advantage of waived fees at participating NC schools during College Application Week!

**Send Your High School Transcripts.**

Be sure to send your HS transcripts to colleges that you are submitting applications. CFNC allows you to send your transcript from NC high schools to NC colleges.