Holly Springs High School Student Services



Junior/Senior Parent Night Class of 2017

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Post-Secondary Options

- Enter Workforce
- Military
- Vocational/Technical Colleges
- Community College
- Four-Year College/University

Making College Choices

- What is a "good" school?
 - Meets the student's interests academically, geographically, financially, etc.
 - Has a variety of activities of interest to your student
- How do students find a good school?
 - Visit collegeboard.org (college matchmaker) and CFNC.org
 - Visit college websites
 - Visit college campuses

Admissions Data for NC Public Universities from Fall 2016 Freshmen Class

School Name	SAT Mid 50% Range CR+M	ACT Scores Range	3.75 and up	3.5-3.74	3.0-3.49	2.0-2.9	Top 25%	Тор 10%	Average Weighted GPA*
Appalachian State	1060-1240	23-28	84	18	5	1	61	21	4.14
East Carolina	960-1110	20-24	51	17	25	7	44	16	3.67
Elizabeth City State	840	15-18	16	13	22	39	5	2	3.07
Fayetteville State	790-930	16-19	21	13	32	33	26	9	3.18
NC A&T	830-990	16-21	-	•	9	85	34	11	3.18
NC Central	800-940	16-19	16	13	33	37	22	6	3.21
NC School of the Arts	990-1230	21-27	49	21	21	9	43	16	3.7
NC State	1160-1330	27-31	46	32	21	1	87	51	4.4
UNC-Asheville	1050-1250	23-28	19	27	42	12	52	21	4.09
UNC-Chapel Hill	1200-1390	27-32	98	1	1	-	96	77	4.59
UNC-Charlotte	1010-1180	22-25	65	17	16	2	57	22	3.86
UNC-Greensboro	940-1110	20-25	48	17	27	8	41	13	3.66
UNC-Pembroke	830-990	18-22	30	16	32	22	34	11	3.4
UNC-Wilmington	1120-1260	23-27	81	11	7	1	62	24	4.13
Western Carolina	930-1120	19-24	50	17	27	6	39	13	3.75
Winston-Salem State	810-930	16-20	NA	NA	NA	NA	27	7	3.18

College Admissions

- Based on academic achievement and potential
 - SAT and ACT
 - Strength of curriculum
 - GPA and Rank
- Additional considerations (be specific)
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Community involvement
 - Leadership

ACT vs. SAT

Both the SAT and ACT are accepted by all schools

- SAT:
 - Aptitude test with math, critical reading, and optional writing section
 - Do not lose points for questions answered wrong
 - Register at collegeboard.org
- ACT:
 - Achievement test with math, critical reading, science, and optional writing section
 - Do not lose points for questions answered wrong
 - Register at actstudent.org

Early Action vs. Early Decision

- Early Action:
 - Simply means early notification
 - Automatically considered for merit scholarships based on students' grades
- Early Decision:
 - Binding
 - Only use if students are 100% sure they are attending this school regardless of financial aid at other schools

Starting the Application Process

- Step 1: Research college choices on CFNC.org and collegeboard.org
- Step 2: Re-take SAT's or ACT's if necessary
 - Choose 4 colleges to send scores to or NCAA Eligibility Center
- Step 3: Narrow choices to 3-5 schools based on college admissions requirements
- <u>Step 4</u>: Begin providing information to teachers for letters of recommendation, complete brag sheet.

Application Process (continued)

- Step 5: Begin completing applications
 - Write essays and personal statements
- Step 6: Pay the application fee by the deadline
- Step 7: Send official transcripts

Sending Transcripts

Ouestion:

What is it for?

- On Common App
- 2. In-State Schools (not on common App)
- 3. Out-of-State Schools (not on Common APP)
- 4. Scholarship or Personal Records

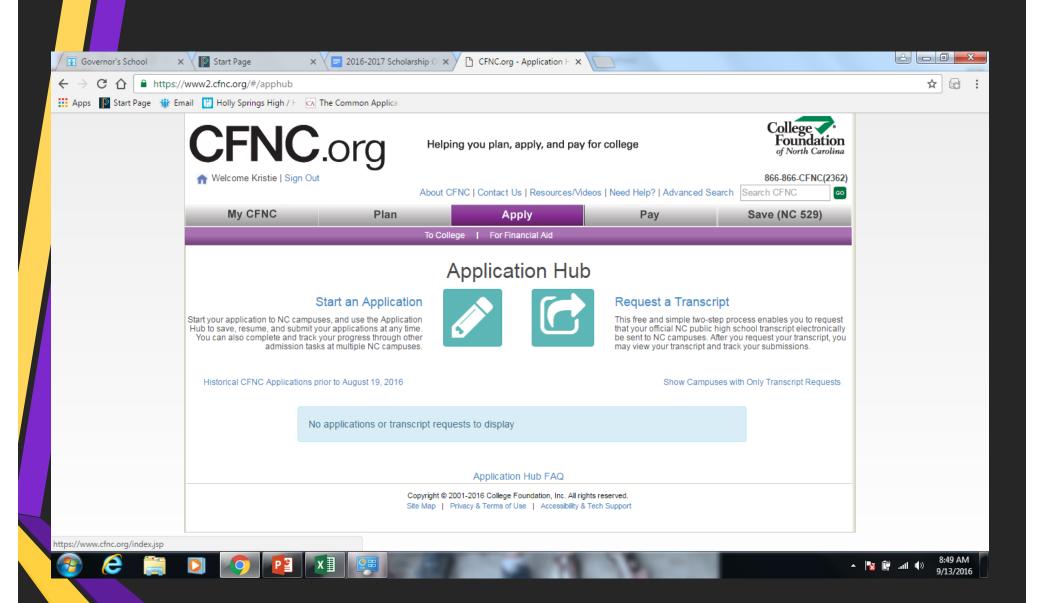
Common Application

In-State (Not on Common App)

Out-of-State or Scholarships (Not on Common App)

Insert Counselors name and email address in Common App www.cfnc.org

Create and account on College Foundation of North www.wcpss.net/
transcripts

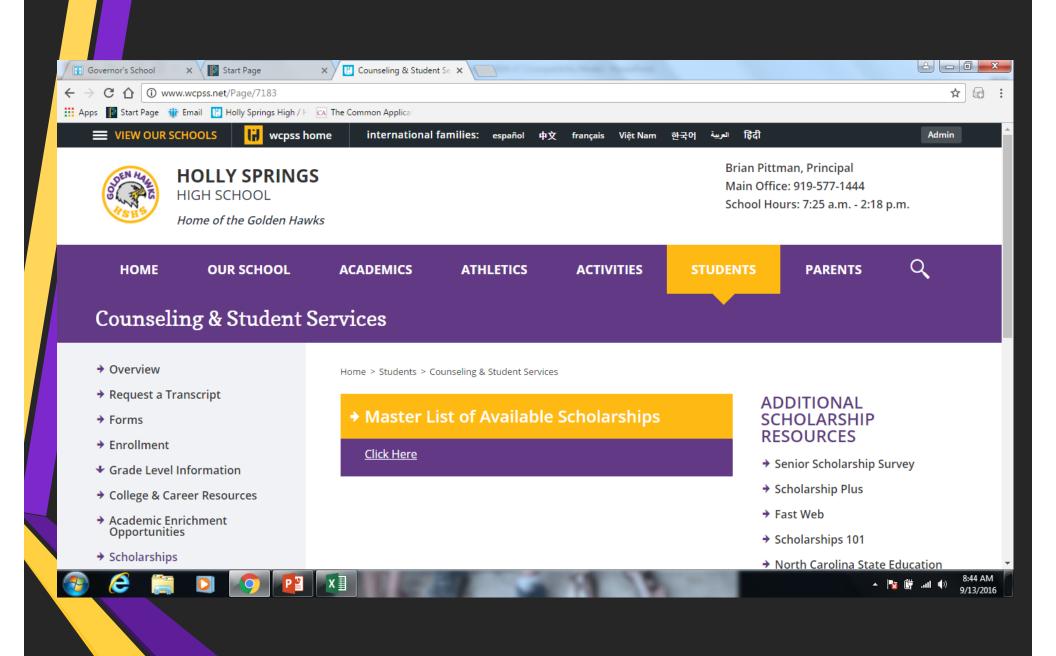


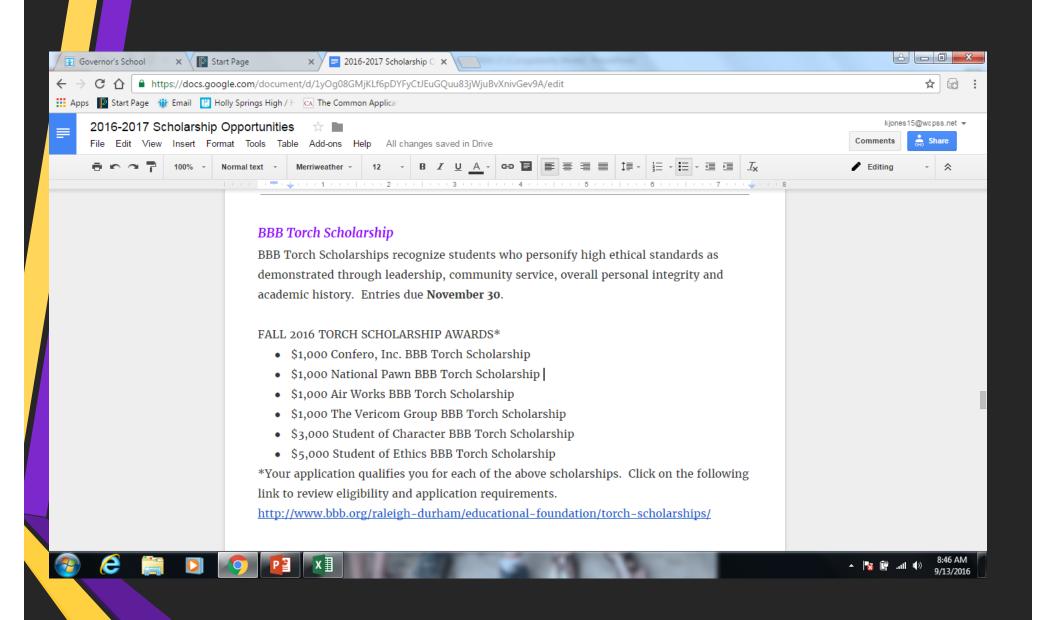
Application Process (continued)

- Step 8: Send SAT or ACT scores through collegeboard.org or actstudent.org
- Step 9: Research and apply for scholarships
- <u>Step 10</u>: Continue to check your college account for status notifications
- Pay attention and wait:
 - College admissions offices will contact you if they require more information
 - Be cognizant of application due dates

The Search for Scholarships

- Check Scholarship Bulletin regularly
 - Student Services Web site
 - www.scholarshipplus.com/wake
 - www.cfnc.org
- Register online at fastweb.com for a free national scholarship search
- Check college websites
- Contact employer, church and community organizations





Financial Aid Process

- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive any aid
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Application available October 1st
 - Check the priority deadline at each college
- Check with each college for institutional forms such as the CSS PROFILE

For Help with Financial Aid

- Make an appointment with our Financial Aid Expert,
 Tori Sharpe, starting late September
- Email for appointment at vsharpe@wcpss.net
- Check out www.cfnc.org
- Come to HSHS Financial Aid Night November 3rd

Dates to Remember

- September 18th Wake County College Fair
- September 29th Graduation Material Orders
- November 3rd Financial Aid Night
- November 9th HSHS Career and College Fair
- April 18th Senior Class Meeting
- May 26th Seniors Awards & Senior Picnic
- June 5th Graduation Practice
- June 11th Graduation Ceremony

Raleigh/Wake County College and Post-Secondary Opportunities Fair

NC State University – McKimmon Center Sunday, September 18, 2016 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Representatives from over 100 colleges and universities, community colleges, and military institutions

Make sure to join our



Text Text @hshs17 to 81010

Post Secondary Panel

Sergeant First Class Saleim Feurtado & Staff Sergeant Danny Jones
United States Army

Wesley Clifton, Recruitment & Outreach Officer Wake Technical Community College

Allison Shell, Admissions Counselor Campbell University

Alyssa De Santis, Admissions Counselor East Carolina University

Michael Davis, Associate Director of Admissions UNC at Chapel Hill