

Paying for College

FAFSA and Scholarships

Topics

Financial Terms

FAFSA (Info & Types of Aid)

CSS (CollegeBoard)

Scholarships (CFNC, 3rd
Party, etc.)

Financial Terms

In many different circumstances, paying for college is hardest when you don't know where to start off. Let's define some financial terms, so you can be aware of the terms.



Financial Terms

- **Cost Of Attendance** - The total amount of college expenses. Accounts for everything from tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and living expenses.
- **Grants** - This you want the most, it is free money from the govt, based on financial need.
- **Scholarships** - Free money given by academic or extracurricular merit that can be used to pay for college.
- **Federal Subsidized Loans** - Loans in which the govt pays your interest for at least half the time you're in school. Is need-based
- **Federal Unsubsidized Loans** - Federal loan, interest accrues interest accrues immediately. Not need-based.
- **Private Loans** - These you want the least, they have the highest interest rates.



FAFSA[®]

Federal Student Aid

An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- This application must be completed each academic year that you're in college if you want to receive aid
- The FAFSA was recently simplified, and takes no more than 10 minutes
- The FAFSA now pulls info directly from the IRS, so no tax documents are needed
- The SAI (Student Aid Index) determines your eligibility for financial aid at colleges and universities. The amount of financial aid you get can be calculated from the COA - SAI

Scholarships!!

There are many places to find scholarships



College portals

Some colleges offer school-based scholarships.
Example: NC State's PackASSIST

CFNC

North Carolina-based scholarships

3rd Party Websites

[scholarships.com](https://www.scholarships.com)
[mykaleidoscope.com](https://www.mykaleidoscope.com)

I know finding and applying for
scholarships are difficult,
especially those after the
application season but..

Scholarships =
FREE MONEY \$\$\$\$



College Portals

Many colleges have a separate portal to apply for scholarships. For example, NC State has PackAssist.

Steps:

1. Fill out the general application
2. It should automatically filter the scholarships to those that you qualify for.

Try to do this by the priority deadline

CFNC(College Foundation of NC)

North Carolina College Scholars x +

cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/

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Home > Pay for College > Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search

Refine Your Search

Eligible NC Counties

Search Counties

- All Counties
- Alamance
- Alexander
- Alleghany

Did you know that when you complete the FAFSA you are considered for state aid at a community college, an independent college, or any one of the UNC institutions? [Learn More >](#)

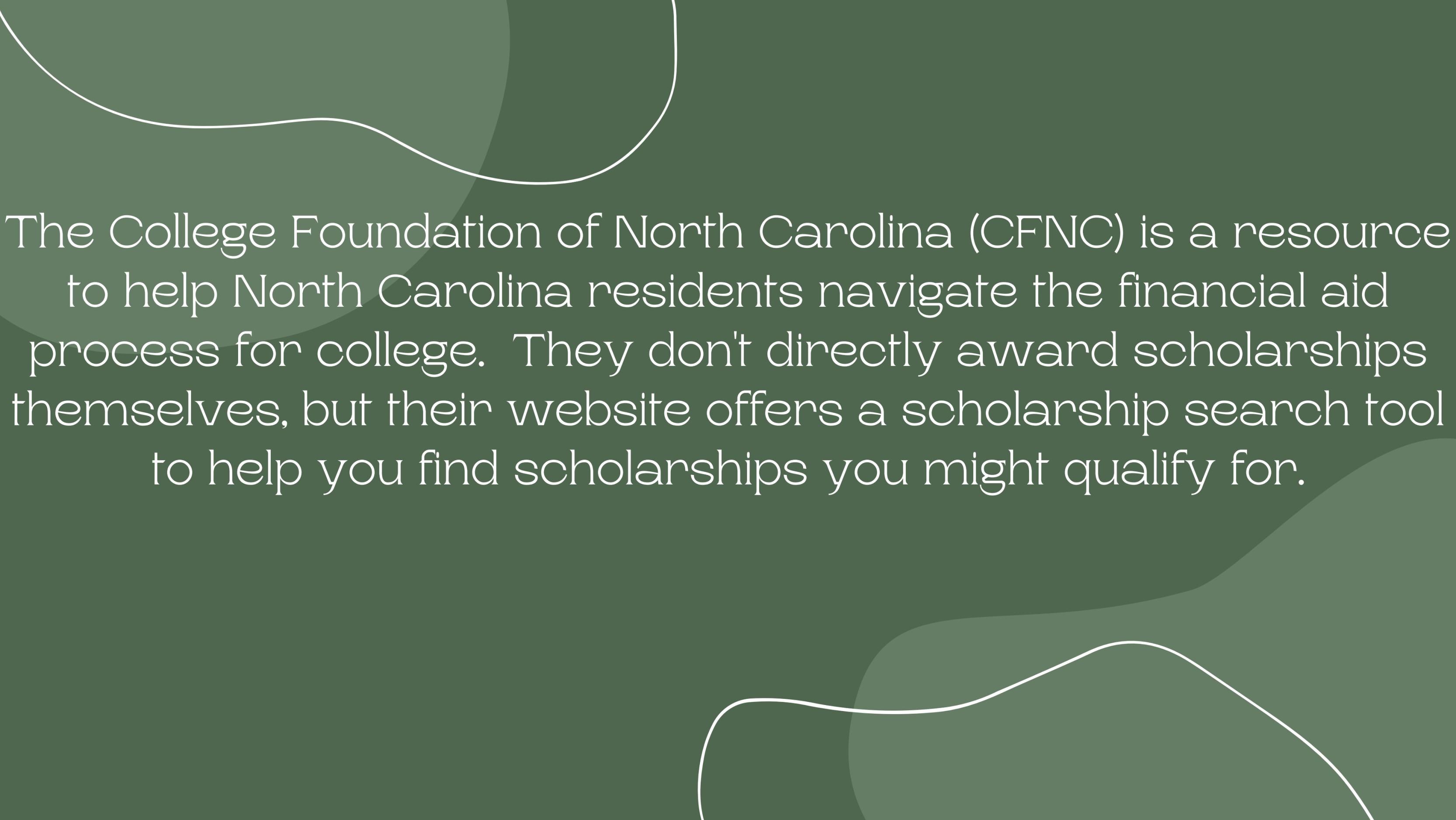
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The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is a resource to help North Carolina residents navigate the financial aid process for college. They don't directly award scholarships themselves, but their website offers a scholarship search tool to help you find scholarships you might qualify for.

- **Scholarship Search Tool:** This tool allows you to input your details and find scholarships that match your criteria, such as academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/>
- **Next NC Scholarship:** This is a state-funded program that combines federal Pell Grants with state aid to provide financial aid to undergraduate students in North Carolina. The amount awarded depends on your enrollment status (full-time or part-time) and the type of institution you choose (community college or four-year university). <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/next-nc-scholarship-2024-2025-academic-year/>

Other 3rd party scholarships:

- Distinguished Young Women
- Study Abroad/ Cultural Immersion Scholarships
 - NSLI-Y
 - CLS
 - Carolina Spring Forward
 - Summer Study abroad fellowship
 - Other College study abroad
- Coca Cola Scholarship
- Cooke Scholars
- Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship
- Cameron Impact Scholarship
- Questbridge*



Thank you!