

College Application Checklist

1. Need to research more schools? Use CFNC's College Search [page](#) for schools within NC or College Board's [search tool](#) to include schools outside of NC too.
2. Have a list of schools you want to apply to? Choose the best application platform for you:
 - a. Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
 - b. CFNC.org: <https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/>
 - c. *Some schools may require you to use their own website**
3. Need In-State Tuition? Be sure to complete the RDS process [here](#).
 - a. Hint: you only need 1 account for RDS and applications through CFNC
 - b. You must complete this process and include the number you get at the end on your applications to receive in state tuition**
4. Need Financial Aid? Be sure to complete the FAFSA process here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - a. ALL students should complete a FAFSA application (Opens 10/1)**
5. Helpful Information for Common App
 - a. You must add your counselor to your list of recommenders so they can send your transcript for you.
 - i. (A-Co) Rosanna Orozco-Ewais, rorozcoewais@wcpss.net
 - ii. (Cr-Ha) Toni Dupree, tdupree2@wcpss.net
 - iii. (He-Me) Matthew Hendricks, mhendricks@wcpss.net
 - iv. (Mi-R) Reginald Lowery, rlowery@wcpss.net
 - v. (S-Z) Carmelina Almanzar, calmanzar@wcpss.net
 - b. Education Section: (Under Grades)
 - i. Your class rank is "exact"
 - ii. Your class size is 351
 - iii. The GPA scale is 4
 - c. Essay: You must choose only 1 of the 6 prompts and make sure that your response answers the prompt completely in 250-650 words
6. Transcripts -If you're applying through Common App counselors will send a transcript on your behalf once you add them as a recommender- but please also send your transcript, if in state, **through CFNC as well**. If you're applying only through CFNC, you can and should request a transcript through their Application Hub. If you need a transcript for a scholarship, pay close attention to their requirements and email your counselor with any questions/needs.
7. Looking for more information about scholarships? Keep an eye out for emails from Ms. Ewais and on our scholarship website [HERE](#).
 - a. This page includes the Senior Booklet which contains tons of great information as well! Be sure to download and review that too!**

Don't hesitate to reach out to your counselor with any questions or concerns you have as you navigate this process. Email is great for quick questions or you can make an appointment if you need to meet again!

Additional Resources:

Financial Aid Advisor | Seniors, Ms. Winters, East Wake Financial Aid Advisor, is available Monday through Friday, 9:15 am-1:45 pm. Thursdays are reserved for East Wake students. She can help families answer questions about the FAFSA, scholarships and the financial aid process. Please click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.

Senior Parent Night -Sept 26th at Open House

CFNC's Countdown to College:

October is College Application Month and CFNC hosts a variety of resources and activities to support NC students as they apply to college. During the week of 10/17 various schools allow for students to apply for FREE through CFNC.org. Review their website for more information.

<https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

Senior Information Page:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/43764>

Youtube Playlist from CFNC:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiFGBEf0h3BD8zEvfxonCUWsVPvlbs_R

Video Topics include:

- Creating a CFNC Account
- Navigating the RDS Process
- Scholarships & Grants
- FAFSA
- Navigating Financial Aid for Hispanic Families
(Good tips if you or your parents are undocumented)

General List of Application Deadlines (within NC):

<https://sites.google.com/ncsu.edu/ncsuubseniors/college-application-process/application-deadlines>

Additional Help from CFNC on Completing the FAFSA:

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/>

Interested in College Rep Visits? Keep an eye on the following page:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/45311>

Wake Tech Apprenticeship Program Offerings:

<https://www.waketech.edu/programs-courses/wakeworks/programs>