

AFHS College Application To Do List

- **Keep your grades up!** Your GPA is a major factor considered for college admissions and scholarships
- **See the [AFHS College Application Summer To Do List](#)** for information on
 - Building a college list
 - Writing college essays
 - The ACT and SAT
 - Activity Lists/ Resumes
 - Recommendation letters
- If you need a **counselor recommendation letter** please complete the [Senior Info sheet for counselors](#). Note, not all schools require a counselor recommendation letter.
 - Counselors and Recommenders have different deadlines than students. Make sure to submit your application by the student deadline.
- **Establish your NC residency** www.ncresidency.org
 - Residency determines if students should have in-state or out of state tuition
 - You will need to complete and get an RCN to apply to any schools in NC
 - You will use your CFNC account login to complete this application
- **Know your CFNC log in** or create an account if you do not have one
 - <https://www.cfnc.org/>
 - You will can CFNC to send your official transcripts to North Carolina colleges and to apply to NC colleges and universities
 - CFNC also has a free application week in October. Select schools waive their college application fees if you apply through CFNC between October 19-25. The [list of participating schools](#) will be shared as the date gets closer.
- **Common App**
 - You can apply to most colleges using [Common App](#)
 - If you plan to use Common App, create an account
 - Keep your college list up to date in your Common App account so your recommenders can keep up with deadlines for materials.
 - [Helpful Common App resource](#)
 - Common answers for Common App Grades Questions-
 - The approximated graduating class size is **670**.
 - Class Rank reporting is **Exact**.
 - We are on a **4- Weighted** GPA scale

- **Sending Test Scores-** Most schools ask you to self-report test scores during the application process. After you are admitted, the school you choose to attend will ask for an official score report. If you need to send colleges your ACT or SAT scores, do so through [ACT.org](https://act.org) or [CollegeBoard.org](https://collegeboard.org).
- **Sending Official Transcripts**
 - Send NC colleges your transcripts through [CFNC.org](https://cfnc.org).
 - For colleges outside of NC, send your transcripts through <https://wcpss.scribborder.com/>
 - Colleges that you apply to through Common App will receive your official transcript when counselors submit your Common App School Report (this will start to happen after rank is recalculated in late September).
- **Know your deadlines** for submitting all materials. [Deadlines for UNC System Schools](#)
- **Complete the FAFSA (*FREE Application for Federal Student Aid*)**
 - The application opens October 1, 2026 fafsa.gov
 - You will need to [create an FSA ID](#) first
 - All students should fill out the FAFSA - [Types of Financial Aid](#)
 - Some schools (ex. Duke, UNC-CH, WFU, Elon) require a [CSS Profile](#) to complete the financial aid process
 - Contact [AFHS Financial Aid Advisor](mailto:Lbrannan@wcpss.net) (Lbrannan@wcpss.net) if you need help or see a [quick FAFSA tutorial](#)
- Search for **scholarships**
 - **State-based-** CFNC has a list of [state-based scholarships](#).
 - **Institutional-** visits the websites of the schools you are interested in to see what scholarships their freshmen can apply for. Sometimes, you do not have access to a school's scholarship portal until you have been accepted.
 - **National-** here are some websites for national scholarship searches
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>
 - <https://www.fastweb.com/>
 - <https://www.collegegreenlight.com/>
 - <https://www.cappex.com/>
 - U.S. Department of Labor's [FREE scholarship search tool](#)
- Email or [meet with your counselor](#) when you need help 😊