

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING... I want you to take this quiz to get a [Reality Check](#) on how much life costs and what you really need to make to live. If you are unsure of what you want to do, then take this [Interest Finder](#) to explore where your career interests match skills you could learn to get a job. You can also use [MyNextMove](#) to look for careers that match your interests!

Below are your next steps for applying to Community College/Durham Tech:

1) [Create a CFNC account](#) (USE YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL)

If it says you already have an account, let Mr. Schwanke know and he will find your account

[Step By Step Guide On How To Create A CFNC Account](#)

2) [RDS \(Residency Determination Service\)](#) - (sign in using your CFNC account) The RDS determines if you qualify for in-state or out-of-state tuition for NC schools and is open continuously! **(RDS is confidential so any information you put into it will not be shared with immigration authorities)** It is used in order to help you pay for school as an **IN-STATE RESIDENT** as out-of-state tuition is **3 TIMES MORE THAN IN STATE.**

Fill out these online sheets to prepare - [ENGLISH RDS FORM](#) - [SPANISH RDS FORM](#)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PAPER COPY, COME SEE BRADY IN THE BACK LEFT CORNER OF THE MEDIA CENTER

HERE IS A STEP BY STEP VIDEO ON HOW TO FILL THE RDS OUT

 **KHS Class of 2023: RDS Tutorial**

3) [Create an FSA ID \(FAFSA Account\)](#) and have your parent(s) create one too! (If your parent(s) DO NOT have a Social Security Number (SSN), that is okay! They can still create an account!) [Here is a free, online, downloadable guide in multiple languages explaining FAFSA!](#) The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is to apply for Federal Student AID and opens on **October 1st.** **BE SURE TO CREATE A FSA ID AND HAVE YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) CREATE ONE.**

4) Look into Scholarships! You can also start your scholarship search now. Look into the [CFNC Scholarships](#). Scholarship applications also depend on the university! Check out the [Durham Tech Promise](#) where you could get up to **\$1000 a year** for attending Durham Tech! If your household income is **below \$80,000 a year** then you may qualify for the [NC NEXT Scholarship](#) which can pay for your entire year at a community college like Durham Tech! You can also look at more scholarships on my [Scholarship Slide](#) and bookmark ones you want to apply to! [Check out the Jordan Student Services website on the scholarship page](#)

5) [Explore the Durham Tech Transfer Center](#)

This is where you can learn everything you need to know about how to transfer from Durham Tech. If you are interested in transferring to a 4-year university after going to community college, please refer to the [transfer guides here](#)

6) Complete the Durham Tech application! High school seniors who have not yet graduated receive **provisional acceptance** to the college once they have completed the enrollment application and residency determination. This allows students to get a head start on completing the enrollment process.

Durham Tech application:

<https://apply.cfnc.org/application/DurhTCC/NCCCSUndergraduate/DurhTCCUndergradApp>

Websites used:

[CFNC](#) - Used for in state colleges & community colleges

[NextNCScholarship](#) - If household makes less than \$80,000 a year, you may qualify

[RDS](#) - Used for residency status for in-state colleges & community colleges

[Xello](#) - Access Xello thru the RapidIdentity NCEdCloud to help further build your college list with their college search tool

[FAFSA](#) - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

[DurhamTech](#) - Learn about the programs and pathways that it has to offer

Hope this helps, and let me know if you have any questions!

To schedule another appointment and view more college info, click here:

https://linktr.ee/jhs_dukecac

I'm looking forward to hearing more about your progress through the college application process!