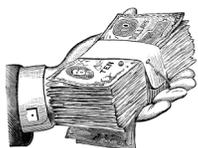


Want FREE money for college?



Grants and scholarships are “gift aid” - funding that does not need to be repaid!

Need-Based Grants

Students with greatest financial need are eligible for federal and state grants:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (“SEOG”)
- NC Education Lottery Scholarship
- NC Community College Grant
- UNC Need-Based Grant
- NC Need-Based Scholarship (for NC independent non-profit campuses)

Scholarships

Visit the AHS Student Services website to explore scholarships:

apexhscounselors.weebly.com/scholarships

Know before you go:

How much will it cost* to attend college each year?

App State: \$13,887

ECU: \$16,210

NC State: \$19,968

UNC Chapel Hill: \$20,412

UNC Charlotte: \$16,747

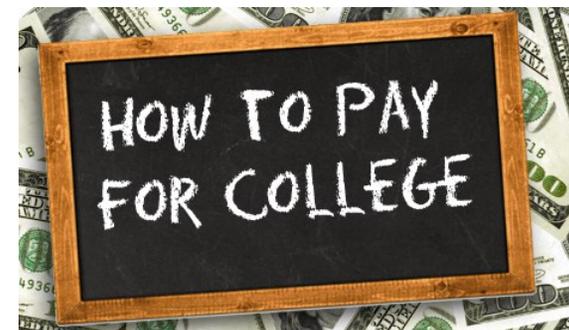
UNC Wilmington: \$16,546

Wake Tech: \$3,990

** Cost estimates include tuition, room and board (where applicable), and books and supplies, courtesy of the College Board, July 2015.*

Find cost estimates for any college in the country at:
bigfuture.collegeboard.org

So you’ve applied to college...



...now how are you going to pay for it?

Financial Aid Info
Apex High School
2016-17

What is financial aid?

Financial aid is comprised of different types of funding from different sources to help you pay for the total cost of attending college.

- Aid you **don't** have to repay:
 - Scholarships
 - Grants
 - Work study
- Aid you **must** repay:
 - Loans



It all starts with FAFSA.

Free
Application for
Federal
Student
Aid

The financial aid process begins when you complete your FAFSA application.

Get started at www.fafsa.gov!

Getting Started:

Create your FSA ID

The FSA ID—a username and password — must be used to log in to U.S. Department of Education websites you will need to apply for financial aid. Creating your FSA ID is the first step in completing your FAFSA. You can create one when logging in to fafsa.gov.

Here's how you do it:

- 1** When starting at fafsa.gov, click the link to create an FSA ID.
- 2** Create a username and password, and enter your e-mail address.
- 3** Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.
- 4** Review your information, and read and accept the terms and conditions.
- 5** Confirm your e-mail address using the secure code, which will be sent to the e-mail address you entered when you created your FSA ID. Once you verify your e-mail address, you can use it instead of your username to log in to the websites.

Tip: Important: Only the owner of the FSA ID should create and use the account. Never share your FSA ID.

Source:

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What do I need to complete the FAFSA?

Completing the FAFSA should take about 30 to 60 minutes of your time. To make sure the process goes as smoothly as possible, keep the following information handy as you go:

- Your Social Security card
- Your personal demographic information
- Your parent or legal guardian's 2015 tax information



But what if my parents haven't filed their taxes?

Don't let that stop you! You and your parents or legal guardian can estimate their tax information, submit your FAFSA, then return to your application later to update it.



Most financial aid is distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it pays to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st!