

Senior Tips

Applying to Public or Private 4-year Colleges/Universities

- **Common App:** www.commonapp.org allows you to apply to specific in-state and out-of-state colleges/universities
- **CFNC:** www.cfnc.org allows you to apply to any North Carolina public or private college/university
- Individual school websites

Transcript/Recommendation Information

- Carefully **READ** each application! Colleges can vary with required forms. If the specific forms are not submitted, your application is incomplete.
- Official transcripts will not be available until the last week of September. Please wait until the official transcripts are ready before you request them. Below is a simple chart that will help you remember how to send transcripts and request teacher/counselor recommendations (depending on the method of transmitting your applications).
- If you applied to a North Carolina college/university, you will be responsible for sending your final transcript through CFNC when those become available at the end of the school year.

If Application is through:	Transcript	Counselor Recommendation or School Report <i>(allow 10 days lead time)</i>	Teacher Recommendation <i>(allow 10 days lead time)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Common Application • Send EDU • CollegeNet 	Student provides counselor's email Counselor sends electronically	Student provides counselor's email (brag sheet and/or resume must be on file) Counselor sends electronically	Student provides teacher's email Teacher sends electronically
CFNC (All North Carolina colleges and universities)	Student sends electronically through CFNC website	Student emails form to counselor along with brag sheet and/or resume (if not already on file)	Student emails the specific form directly to the teacher and provides the college/university mailing address along with the due date
School website	If in North Carolina, student sends electronically through CFNC website If not in North Carolina, student requests transcript through WCPSS Scriborder (wcpss.scriborder.com)	If not in North Carolina, refer to statements above AND student specifies on the request that the counselor has a form that should be sent along with the transcript	Student emails the specific form directly to the teacher and provides the college/university mailing address along with the due date

****Regularly Check****

www.wcpss.net/apexhs and the Student Services webpage <http://apexhscounselors.weebly.com> for the latest updates and resources.

Don't forget about Facebook, Twitter, and Cougar Notes!

Community College

If you are planning to attend a community college, you will need to apply through CFNC. There are typically no fees to apply, and the only admission requirement is a high school diploma. Financial aid is available for qualifying students at all community colleges. If you do not have a qualifying SAT or ACT score, you will be required to take a placement test.

Career Information

If you are planning to begin employment directly after high school, please contact Mr. Hayes, our Career Development Coordinator, at jhayes2@wcpss.net and visit the Career Services website at <http://ahscareerservices.weebly.com/>. Mr. Hayes can help you with career options, job availability, career assessments, resume writing techniques, and interview skills. In addition, CFNC offers many career building assessments.

CFNC Redirection Program

The CFNC Redirection Program is designed for students who have not applied to college or have not been admitted into their first-choice school but who still want to begin classes in the fall. The College Redirection Pool is a system that can help students find colleges that have open admission slots. CFNC's College Redirection Pool becomes available to students on April 1 and can be used until August 31. Register at www.cfnc.org.

Scholarships

Start your scholarship search early. University-sponsored scholarships usually require students to apply by the early admission deadline. Visit the Student Services webpage, <http://apexhscounselors.weebly.com/scholarships.html> for scholarship information and <http://apexhscounselors.weebly.com/financial-aid.html> for information on financial aid. Also visit the Wake County Scholarships Plus page at <http://www.scholarshipplus.com/wake/>, read Cougar Notes (updated monthly), and use free scholarship search websites.

Block off time for your scholarship search and time to submit scholarship applications. Remember to pay attention to application deadlines, and always be wary of potential scams. It should not cost you anything to apply for a scholarship.