What Is Your College Planning Strategy?





## What is CFNC?

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is a free service of the State of North Carolina to promote access to NC higher education by assisting students in planning, applying, and paying for college.



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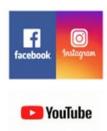
## **NEW! Spanish Translation!**

CFNC.org/Adelante (includes scholarships)

# **Meet Our Spanish Services Reps**



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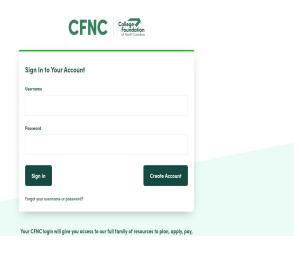




## **Create A CFNC Account**

# It is helpful if you have a CFNC Account in high school.

- What if your scholar forgets their username and/or password?
- If your scholar missed creating a account in school make time to do it at home. Creating a CFNC Account takes only a few minutes.





## Plan for the Future

## **Plan Your Future**





## Plan for a Career



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## **Which Career Is Right For** You?

You'll spend most of your adult life working, so it's important to find a career that you'll enjoy. The tools and information in this section can help you find careers that fit your interests, talents and values.



Which Careers Suit You?

Everyone has different interests, values and skills. These interactive

#### College Finder

Find the academic programs that inspire you, and the campuses that you'll love.

Search now

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#### **Events**

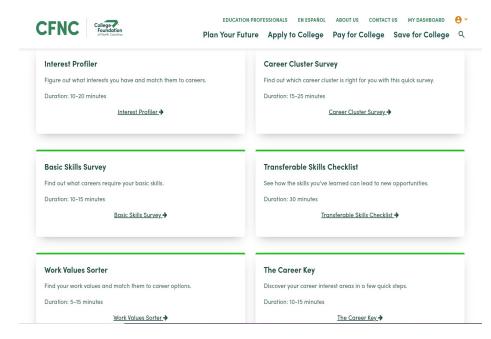
From job fairs to application deadlines, see the full list of events and crucial calendar dates.

See what's happening



## **Learn About Yourself**

- In 30 minutes or less you can learn about yourself
- Your interests
- What type of career is for you
- How do your skills match up with specific types of careers
- Match your values
   with potential careers



For MS, HS & Adults!

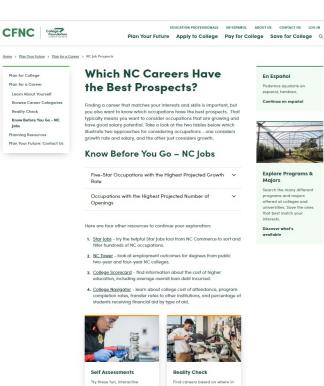


## **Know Before You Go!**

Do you know if the career that your scholar is interested in is growing and has good salary potential?

It is important that your scholar does their homework before deciding on a career.

- Look at careers with the highest projected growth rate.
- Checkout careers with the highest projected number of openings.





# **Student Enrichment Programs**

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#### **Student Enrichment Programs**

Want something impressive to put on those admissions applications and resumes?



Summer programs, workshops, and other activities that don't show up on your transcript can help set you apart during your admissions and interview process. Many argranizations across the state offer fun educational programs for students of all ages. Interest areas in these programs range from Marine Science to Engineering, Music to Writing, American Sign Language to Cake Decorating and many more. You can choose from residential camps to day programs, programs located near home or across the state. You don't want to miss out on these opportunities!

Areas of Interest	~
Grade Level	~
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Host Organization	~

#### Student Enrichment Programs Search

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# **Plan for College**





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## **Planning for College**

Getting a college degree takes more than just studying. It takes planning. From searching for colleges to finding the right degrees for you and managing your finances along the way, CFNC has the information and tools you need to get there.

#### Find the Right College for You

You have lots of great college options. Our college search tool will help you narrow your search to find the school that fits your needs.

Search Colleges Now

#### Take College Courses During High School

If you're still in high school, learn how you can take college courses tuition-free through Career & College Promise.

Learn More



#### ACT and SAT Preparation

Free resources to help you prepare for the ACT and SAT.

**Test Preparation** 

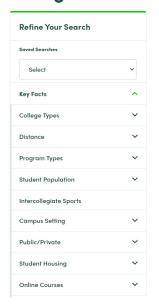




# **College Search**



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	lives as global citizens who understand and engage their responsibilities in creating a sustainable future	19,280
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	together in inspiring ways to acquire and create	
	knowledge, to grow holistically, to act with passion and determination, and embrace diversity and difference.	
	As one of 17 campuses in the University of North Carolina system, Appalachian enrolls about 19,000	
	students, has a low student-to-faculty ratio and offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate majors.	



# **Applying to College**





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NC Countdown to College

**Residency Determination** 

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#### Resources

**Practice Applying** 

Admissions Deadlines

E-Transcript School List

Explore Programs & Majors

## Applying to College

Applying to college is exciting, but you'll need to stay organized. Use the CFNC Application Hub to apply to NC colleges, send official high school transcripts, and monitor your progress in a single place. Also take advantage of our other resources and tools to help you stay on track so you meet every requirement and put your best foot forward.



#### Countdown to College

Take advantage of activities to help you complete residency, FAFSA, and admission



#### Get Help Paying for College

All the information you need about scholarships, grants and

#### **Applications and Transcripts**

Application Hub

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Como pagar por sus estudios





# **College Test Preparation Resources**





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#### ACT

The ACT measures skills in English, math, reading, and science reasoning. You'll receive a score on each section and a composite score between 1 and 36. The ACT is offered during the school day for free to juniors at NC public high schools, otherwise it costs approximately \$40.

**ACT Test Preparation Resources** 

ACT Preparation with Online ACT Academy

Dates and Registration for ACT 🗵



The SAT measures critical thinking skills using questions in two categories: Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing, and Math. The total possible score range is 400-1600, and it costs approximately \$26.

**SAT Test Preparation Resources** 

SAT Preparation with Online Kahn Academy

Dates and Registration for SAT 🗵



# **Paying for College**





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Repayment Forms Financial Aid Calculators Financial Aid FAQ

Financial Aid Glossary



#### Helping You Pay For College series

Get valuable information on finding ways to pay for college.

Hear from the experts today! 🗹

## **Get Help Paying for College**

What is financial aid? Financial aid is money that is given or borrowed to help pay for college. It can come from federal, state, local, school and private entities. North Carolina and the federal government award millions of dollars each year to help students pay for college. So where



#### Start With FAFSA

Always start with the FAFSA because it's necessary to determine your eligibility for federal and state financial aid.

Get started today

# **Grants & Scholarships**

#### Grants & Scholarships

After you've submitted your FAFSA, start looking into grants and scholarships. These are types of aid that you typically do not have to repay.

Learn more now

Student Financial Aid For North Carolinians 2022 2023



#### Fill Out The FAFSA

Get started on your FAFSA as soon as possible on or after October 1!

FAFSA Application [7]





# My Dashboard



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## **Step One: Know Before You Go!**

# Estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)

#### **Direct Costs:**

- Tuition
- Required Fees
- •Room
- Meals (Board)

## **Indirect Costs:**

- Books & Supplies
- Transportation
- Personal & Miscellaneous
- Loan Fees



## **Step Two: Determine Your Financial Situation**

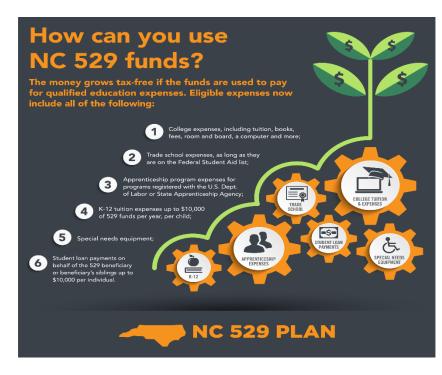
- What can you and your family afford to pay?
- What type of college do you want to attend (2 Yr. Public, 4 Yr. Public, 4 Yr. Private)?
   Cost will vary based on the institution.
- Do you have a college savings plan (529, etc)?





# Planning Financially for College May Include Saving

Is a college savings account part of your strategy?



## Step Three: Know the types of financial aid



Definition: Financial aid is money that pays for college or vocational school.

Types of Aid:

**Gifts** 

Scholarships

Grants

Self-Help

Loans

**Employment** 

**Family Savings** 

Merit-Based Aid – Academic, Music, Athletic Scholarship

Need-Based Aid – Pell Grant and Federal Stafford Loan

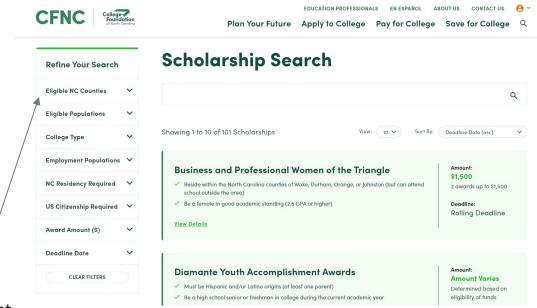


# **Step Four: Know the application process**

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Studentaid.gov
- Signature FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov)



# **CFNC Scholarship Search**



Now you can search for scholarships based on different criteria including eligible counties.



# **Aubrey Lee Brooks**

#### THE AUBREY LEE BROOKS FOUNDATION

#### BACKGROUND



Aubrey Lee Brooks was born in Person County on May 21, 1871. Despite his later success and wealth, he never failed to acknowledge his indebtedness and gratitude to the community into which he was born.

My mother...watched over me like a guardian angel. Her constant admonition was that I must, at

whatever sacrifice, acquire a college education. But that took money, and we had no money.

After graduating high school, Mr. Brooks taught in a singleroom school. After two years, with his savings—and some borrowed money—he went to Chapel Hill to attend the University. A brief illness interrupted his studies but his love for the law returned him to Chapel Hill.

> None of my family on either side had ever been a lawyer, but for some unaccountable reason I was consumed with an ambition to become one.<sup>2</sup>

As a prosecuting attorney for the State and later in private practice at his firm in Greensboro, he was esteemed for his wide-ranging knowledge of the law, his skill as a general practitioner and his abiding belief in justice and fairness.

Throughout his life, Mr. Brooks was active in North Carolina politics and contributed to many worthy causes in the state, including the Boy Scouts, the Presbyterian Church, and the UNC Press.

Aubrey Lee Brooks lived in North Carolina until his death on January 10, 1958. Prior to his death, he endowed the Trust which funds this scholarship program. In keeping with his commitment to community, the counties in and around the old Imperial Fifth Congressional District are the chief beneficiaries of this scholarship bearing his name.

- Brooks, Aubrey Lee. A Southern Lawyer: Fifty Years at the Bar
- Brooks, Aubrey Lee, et al. Trust Agreement: The Aubrey Lee Brooks

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

There are three steps required to apply for the Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship. Each applicant must:

- Apply for college admission and be accepted as an undergraduate student at one of the qualifying institutions:
- North Carolina State University (NCSU)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNCCH)
- · University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at FAFSA.gov. To be considered the applicant must list at least one of the qualifying institutions.
- Complete the Brooks Scholarship application available online at CFNC.org/Brooks

The applicant must use his/her College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) account to complete the application; CFNC is a free service of the state of North Carolina.

#### **ELIGIBILITY & DEADLINE**

To be eligible, an applicant must be a North Carolina resident and a graduating high school senior permanently residing in one of the following counties:

Alamance	Orange
Bertie	Person
Caswell	Rockingha
Durham	Stokes
Forsyth	Surry
Granville	Swain
Guilford	Warren

All application materials must be received by January 31st.
Only complete applications demonstrating financial need and academic excellence will be considered.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Seventeen Brooks Scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors from the 14 specified counties on the basis of

academic standing, character, leadership, financial need, and the will of the recipient to help himself or herself prepare for a career as a useful and informed citizen.<sup>3</sup>

Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Financial need is determined by the Brooks Foundation based on the information submitted on the FAFSA form.

Selection for the Brooks Scholarship is competitive. Successful applicants have excellent high school grades and SAT/ACT scores. Applicants are expected to have participated in extracurricular activities, volunteered in their community and/or been regularly employed. These students often demonstrate leadership within the organizations with which they work.

Eligible applicants are interviewed by each country's committee. Each country committee submits finalist recommendations to the Foundation's Central Scholarship Committee which selects the recipients. Decisions are announced in April.

#### VALUE AND TERMS

The Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship provides an award up to approximately one-half of the cost of an undergraduate education. The scholarship, in combination with any other financial assistance the student receives, may not exceed the cost of attendance at the institution. In the fall of his/ber first year, each scholar receives an additional one-time allowance to purchase a computer for school use.

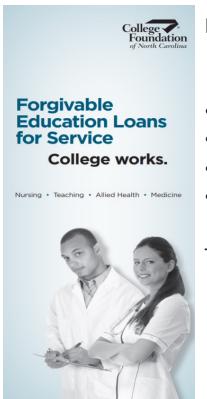
The scholarship is renewable for three additional academic years (a total of eight semesters) provided the recipient has continued financial need, is enrolled full-time, maintains a GPA of at least 2.75 and demonstrates good citizenship.







# NC Forgivable Education Loan for Service (FELS)



NC needs more individuals working in critical needs areas such as:

- Nursing
- Teaching
- Allied Health
- Medicine

To learn more visit CFNC.org/FELS





Scholarship Night

Monday, November 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Make your scholarship search and applications go more smoothly with tips from the experts! Hear from scholarship coordinators at college, regional, and local scholarship organizations as they share some great opportunities and provide answers to common questions.

Register Now

https://cvent.me/GON3v7

Have you heard about our Scholarship Night? If not, there is still time to register.

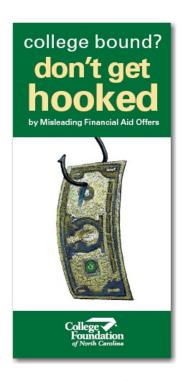
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## What are sources of financial aid?

## Five primary resources for FREE funding!

- Federal/State Governments
- College/University
- Local & Private Organizations
- State based Scholarships
- National Scholarships





## **CFI's NC Assist Loans**

- New alternative loan (for students and parents) available to NC residents and out-of-state students attending NC schools
- No application or origination fees
- 0.25% interest rate reduction if payments are made by auto-draft
- Borrow as little as \$1,000 or as much as you need to bridge the gap between other aid offered and school's cost of attendance
- Be a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Benefitting student must be enrolled (degree program) at least half-time in an eligible school and maintain SAP
- Meet credit score requirements, or have a credit-worthy co-signer (spouse or relative of the student borrower)

To learn more visit NCAssist.org



# Step Five: What can I do now?

- Research scholarships
- Save up! Never too late to start saving... NC 529, savings account, etc.)
- College Navigator
- CFNC.org
- Net price calculator
- FAFSA4Caster
- Attend meetings through your high school





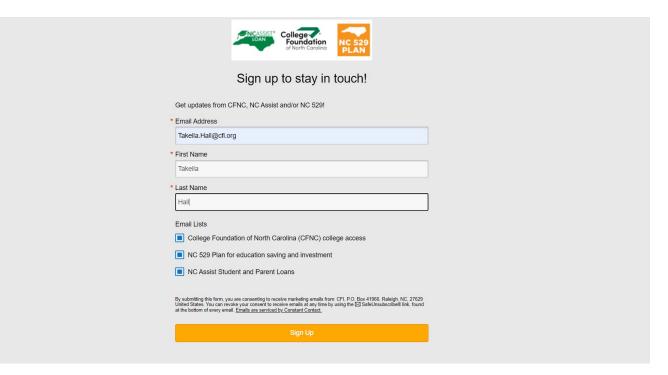


# Helpful websites

- NC Reach (foster youth) <u>NCReach.org</u>
- Golden LEAF Scholarship <u>CFNC.org/goldenleaf</u>
- Other NC programs described in Student Financial Aid for North Carolinians available at CFNC.org/scholarships
- North Carolina Forgivable Education Loan for Service <u>CFNC.org/FELS</u>
- FinAid on the Web: finaid.org
- College Board: <u>collegeboard.org</u> or <u>bigfuture.org</u>
- FastWeb: fastweb.com
- Peterson's: <u>petersons.com/scholarship-search</u>
- College Greenlight: collegegreenlight.com
- Residency Determination: <u>ncresidency.org</u>



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## 529 Rules: It's Time To Use The Funds You Saved!

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TO saved for college and need to withdraw funds – now what? join NC 529

Representatives to learn about qualified vs. non-qualified withdrawals, as well as

technical procedure instructions. You don't want to miss this helpful webinar on your

NC 529 Plant



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## Adult Learners: What to Know as You Begin or Return to College

This session will provide attendees with information for adult learners who are beginning college for the first time, or returning to college.

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