



CLASS OF 2021



INTRODUCING YOUR 2020-2021 COUNSELORS!



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OUR GOAL:

to give you the tools and
info you need to get your
college apps submitted
with a minimum of stress
and a maximum of joy!

TEN STEPS TO COLLEGE

The quick and simple guide to college applications!



1. Set your sights
2. Make a Game Plan
3. Complete residency determination
4. Round up the essential paperwork
5. Prepare your essays
6. Get your Applications in
7. Submit your supporting documents
8. Complete FAFSA - Free application for federal student aid
9. Apply for applicable scholarships
10. Patiently await decision





1. SET YOUR SIGHTS

- Decide where you want to apply
- Research the admitted student profile at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Choose at least one safe school(a school where the student profile fits you)

OTHER OPTIONS?

- NC Promise
(\$500 per semester)
 - Western Carolina University
 - UNC Pembroke
 - Elizabeth City State University
- Community College options





2. MAKE A GAME PLAN

- Research application deadlines(submit by EARLY Deadlines whenever possible!) - View deadlines here: [Deadlines](#)
- If needed, retake SAT/ACT - View which colleges/universities are accepting scores this year : [2021 Testing Info](#)
- Write/update your resume
- If your student is a student athlete and wishes to play sports in college, complete [NCAA](#) eligibility. Notice GPA and test score requirements.

3. COMPLETE RESIDENCY DETERMINATION

You will need to...

1. Set up your [CFNC](#) account
2. You will need...
 - a. Your social security number
 - b. Tax information
 - c. Driver's license or Car registration
3. Complete RDS before you start applying to colleges



Please visit the RDS [website](#)

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF RDS?

- Required for state financial aid
- Required to be considered as an in-state applicant
- After completing your RDS, you will receive your RCN Number, you will need this number to apply for colleges





4. ROUND UP ALL ESSENTIAL PAPERWORK

- Transcript
- Resume
- Test scores
- Teacher and counselor recommender contact info
- Parent info
- Login usernames/passwords
- RCN number

5. *PREPARE YOUR ESSAY*

Your essay is your opportunity to most directly tell the admissions staff who you are and why you should be accepted.

Write about yourself!

Your essay should be..

- thoughtful
- grammatically correct
- well-edited
- genuine
- illuminating
- NOT a repeat of your resume





LOUISBURG
COLLEGE



6. *TURN IN YOUR APPLICATIONS!*

Application portals:

[Common Application](#)

[CFNC](#)

example:

[Admissions Websites, ex. Georgetown](#)

College App Week
*****October 19-23, 2020*****

[Participating Colleges and Info](#)

***7. SUBMIT ALL YOUR
ESSENTIAL PAPERWORK
AND DOCUMENTS***



You're not done yet!

Send...

- **Transcript(s)**
- **Test scores**
- **Recommendations, if requested**
- **Interview, if requested**

**Check your email and application portals
regularly!**

HOW WILL I SUBMIT MY FIKE TRANSCRIPT?!?

Is it a Common App Application?

- ☐ You will submit your counselor contact info on the student portal
- ☐ Your counselor will upload your transcript-no cost

Is it a North Carolina College, but not a Common App Application?

- ☐ You will send your own transcript through your CFNC account-no cost
- ☐ [CFNC](#)

Is it an Out of State College, but not a Common App Application?

- ☐ You will tell your counselor where you need a transcript sent and we will send a paper copy OR
- ☐ That college will use a service such as SENDeDu that enables us to upload a transcript-also no cost!

HOW ARE MY WILSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS REQUESTED?

- ☐ In person at the Community College in room F100
- ☐ Requested by mail (Request form available in the Counseling Office)
- ☐ Requested electronically via the WCC [website](#)
- ☐ There is a small fee per transcript for all WCC transcript requests

**It is the student's responsibility to send their WCC transcript
when applying to college!**

HOW WILL I SUBMIT MY TEST SCORES?

SAT

You will send your scores through the College Board [website](#)

\$12 per score report that can cover multiple test dates, free if you tested with a fee waiver

You can also send up to 4 score reports for free if you list those colleges at the time you register for the test

ACT

You will send your scores through the ACT [website](#)

\$13 per score report per test date



***8. COMPLETE THE FAFSA
(FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID!)***

*****OPENS OCTOBER 1ST*****

[FAFSA website](#)

9. APPLY FOR APPLICABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Types of scholarships:

- ☐ Merit Based
- ☐ Based on student accomplishment in general or specific areas
- ☐ Need Based
- ☐ Based on financial need
- ☐ Institution based
- ☐ Major Specific
- ☐ Related to group membership such as NHS, FBLA, etc
- ☐ Legacy Specific for children of Alums
- ☐ Other Factors such as children of Service members, etc.

Helpful websites:

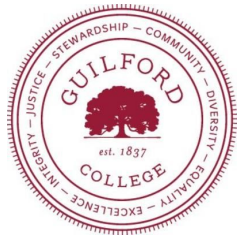
College Board Scholarship Search:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

CFNC Scholarship Search:

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/>

10. PATIENTLY/ANXIOUSLY AWAIT DECISION!



DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW!

May 1- “Decision Day”

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

- ❑ Individual senior conferences with counselors start September 21st
- ❑ Reach counselor by email or phone
- ❑ Reach out to Ms. Isley, college adviser - view her website here:
<https://fiketocollege.weebly.com/>
- ❑ Use resources provided



***STAY CONNECTED WITH
US TO HEAR ALL OF THE
GREAT SENIOR YEAR
NEWS!!***

[Class of 2021 Google Classroom](#)

use code: *bxxbenh* if you haven't joined!

[Fike High School Website](#)

[College Adviser Website](#)

Look up Fike High School on Facebook!



ONE STOP SHOP FOR COLLEGE RESOURCES

Application Info:

[Deadlines](#)

[Common Application](#)

[College Search](#)

[CFNC](#)

[NC Promise](#)

[RDS](#)

Financial Aid:

[FAFSA website](#)

Testing Info:

What [colleges](#) are accepting test scores this year?

More [SAT/ACT](#) Info

Scholarship Info:

CollegeBoard Scholarship Search:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

CFNC Scholarship Search:

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/>

Helpful Links:

<https://somuchpotential.org/>

[Virtual College Exploration](#)

If Applicable:

[NCAA](#)