

# COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK AT VMCCA

**November 2 - 6, 2015**

WHAT IS COLLEGE  
APPLICATION WEEK?!

# NC COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK 2015

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NC College Application Week is a state-wide promotional week for NC high school seniors to apply and apply early to colleges and universities in North Carolina.

CAW's popularity has led some colleges and universities to decide to entirely waive the application fee during this week. Not every participating college or university waives their application fee; however for those who qualify they will accept the College Board College Application Fee Waiver during College Application Week.

# NC COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES WITH WAIVED APPLICATION FEES:

## ***ALL Community Colleges***

- Barton College
- Belmont Abbey College
- Bennett College
- Brevard College
- Campbell University
- Catawba College
- Chowan University
- Davidson College
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- Gardner Webb- University
- Greensboro College
- Guilford College
- Johnson and Wales
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Lees-McRae College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Livingstone College
- Louisburg College
- Methodist University
- Mars Hill University
- Meredith College
- Montreat College
- North Carolina A&T University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina Wesleyan College
- Pfeiffer University
- Salem College
- Shaw University
- St. Andrews University
- Saint Augustine's University
- University of Mount Olive
- Warren Wilson College
- William Peace University
- Wingate University
- Winston-Salem State University

# ...BUT I'M NOT PLANNING TO APPLY

- ❑ Applying to these schools is free during this program.
- ❑ Keep your options open!
- ❑ Not planning on going to college?
  - ❑ Completing these applications is great practice for job applications you may encounter in the future.
  - ❑ If you choose to go back to school later on, you will already be familiar with the process AND your account is already set up.
  - ❑ You might be surprised at the scholarships and financial aid available!

# WHAT ABOUT OTHER SCHOOLS?

- ❑ Contact your counselor if you believe you qualify for fee waivers for college entrance exams or application fees
  
- ❑ CommonApp.Org
  - ❑ 620 schools around the US
  - ❑ Only other website to which we will upload your transcripts free of charge

**Apply wisely!**

**What does that mean?**

# APPLYING WISELY!

Name four NC colleges and/or universities to which you would consider applying.

**Davidson College**

**Duke University**

**Johnson C. Smith University**

**NC State University**

**UNC Asheville**

**UNC Chapel Hill**

**Wake Forest University**

**Safety  
School**

**Good  
Match**

**Good  
Match**

**Reach  
School**

# EXPLORE POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Check out colleges and universities in the orange tab  
**Plan for College - Explore Postsecondary Schools.**

The **College Matching Assistant** will help you choose postsecondary schools that best meet your needs based on a variety of different characteristics. Once you have chosen the options that correspond to your needs, a list of schools that match your criteria will be generated.

## ***Save your favorite schools!***

When you are exploring schools, you can create a list of favorites by selecting **Save to Your Profile** on the left menu bar. This will maintain a link to those schools when you are logged into your My CFNC account.



# APPLYING TO SCHOOLS THROUGH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

- ❑ Read the introductory page of every application
  - ❑ Each application may have different instructions!
  
- ❑ Be sure to submit all pieces of the application
  - ❑ **Test Scores:** Sent from testing organization
    - ❑ SAT - Using your College Board account
    - ❑ ACT - Using your ACT account
  - ❑ **Transcripts:** CFNC Transcript Manager
  - ❑ **Recommendations:** *Follow up with recommenders!*
  - ❑ **Essays:** Proofread! Proofread! Proofread!

# I APPLIED. NOW WHAT?

- ❑ You should be contacted by the schools in 1-2 weeks!
  
- ❑ How will you fund your college education?
  - ❑ Go to [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org) to research financial aid options
  - ❑ Visit the VMCCA Student Services website for our **Scholarship Bulletin**
    - ❑ [www.vmccaStudentServices.weebly.com](http://www.vmccaStudentServices.weebly.com)
  - ❑ Speak with your family about your financial aid options!
  - ❑ A Financial Aid Counselor will be at VMCCA
  - ❑ **FAFSA Day** - Saturday, February 20, 2016

***Bring in any acceptance letters, admissions offers, and/or scholarship awards to your counselor.***

# USING CFNC.ORG

The screenshot shows the CFNC.org website interface. At the top, the logo 'CFNC.org' is displayed alongside the tagline 'Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college'. Below the logo, there are navigation links for 'Welcome Patricia | Sign out', 'About CFNC | Contact Us | Resources/Videos | Need Help? | Advanced Search', and a search bar. The main navigation bar includes tabs for 'My CFNC', 'Plan', 'Apply', 'Pay', and 'Save (NC 529)'. The 'Your Profile' page is active, showing a list of sections: 'The Basics' (This is Me, Change Password, Demographics, Parent/Guardian), 'Looking Ahead' (My Goals, Goals into Action, A Picture of Me in the Future), 'Experiences and Activities' (Experiences, Activities, Physical Health Activities, Awards, Distinctions, Honors, Leadership Experiences, Interviewing, Projects), 'How You See Yourself' (Personal/Social Goals, Self-Knowledge, Personal Statement, Self-Advocacy Strategies, Annual Reflection), and 'Portfolio Reviews' (Reviews and Comments). The right sidebar contains sections for 'WORKSHEETS' (Skills for Independent Living Worksheet), 'YOUR PROFILE DOCUMENTS' (Upload a document, 0 MB used | 50 MB free), 'RESTART AND REVIEW YOUR GUIDEWAYS' (Where do I start? What do I do next? Try following a guideway, All Guideways), and 'ACCESS TO YOUR STUDENTS' MY CFNC' (Have your child send an invitation to connect to their portfolio, Currently you have no pending invitations).

- ❑ **Create your account**
  - ❑ If you already have an account, do not make another.
  - ❑ Forget Password, or reset!
- ❑ **Fill in all information completely**  
(Address, NC WISE #...)
- ❑ **The Basics must be complete in order for your transcripts to send**