



Tuscola High School Senior Newsletter

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Financial Aid Night

**Tuesday, November 8th
at 6:00 pm.**

Do you need answers to the following questions:

What is financial aid?

Who can get it?

How much can I get?

How do I apply?

- Attend Financial Aid Night at Haywood Community College.
- There will be presentations on general financial aid information, CFNC, and filling out the FAFSA.
- Call 627-4506 if you have questions!



COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

During the week of November 14 – 18, 2011, College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO) will be sponsoring College Application Week. On **Wednesday, November 16th**, all seniors expected to graduate in June 2012 are encouraged to use the CFNC.org online application to apply for admission to a North Carolina college or university, if they have not already done so.

The purpose of this day is to acquaint students with the CFNC.org application tools and to communicate the importance of applying to college. In order to participate fully, prior to November 10, students will need to have a My CFNC Account. Also available is a College Application Checklist for students to download from the CFNC.org website (under Downloadable Resources on the left hand side of the screen or at CFNC.org/caw). We are encouraging all students to print and complete the College Application Checklist prior to the event, as it has all the information students will need to complete an online application. We anticipate that students and their families will need to work together in gathering the information listed in the College Application Checklist.

Families are welcome to visit Tuscola High School on **Wednesday, November 16th** to assist their child during the application process. In addition, if family members are interested in volunteering or supplying snacks for the event, please let me know. Volunteers can greet and sign-in students, assist students with the completion of CFNC online college applications, or distribute information about financial aid opportunities.

If you have any questions please call *Joy Sollie*, at (828) 456-2408. Thank you in advance for your support of this exciting initiative to encourage North Carolina's students to make college a part of their future.



Congrats Seniors!

The following seniors have received letters of acceptance:

Cody Hilliard-

Liberty University Online

Brannon Inman-

Lenior-Rhyne (Awarded a \$40,000 scholarship) & Western Carolina University

Jacob Massie-

Charleston Southern University (Awarded a \$36,000 scholarship)

Kelsey Myers-

East Tennessee State University

Great job!

Please bring a copy of your acceptance letters to the Counseling Center, so you can be recognized.



MILITARY INFORMATION

Army:

Christopher Mason
1-877-266-8143

Marines:

Christopher Lowe
1-828-423-5730

Navy:

Eric Childers
1-828-552-7290

Air Force:

Travis Stagnolia
1-828-399-9029

Army National Guard:

Richard Rogers
1-828-508-9429



APPLICATION FEES AND FEE WAIVERS

Waiver of Application Fee

During North Carolina College Application Week from November 14-18, 2011, the following North Carolina colleges and universities will waive the application fee for **all** students applying online through CFNC.org:



All 58 NC Community Colleges

The following North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities:

Barton	Gardner-Webb	Mars Hill	Queens	Wingate
Belmont-Abby	Guilford	Meredith	St. Andrews	
Bennett	Johnson C. Smith	Methodist	Saint Augustine's	
Brevard	Lees-McRae	Montreat	Salem	
Campbell	Lenoir-Rhyne	Mount Olive	Shaw	
Catawba	Livingstone	N.C. Wesleyan	Warren Wilson	
Chowan	Louisburg	Pfeiffer	William Peace	

The Following University of North Carolina Universities:

Elizabeth City State University
Winston Salem State University

Application Fee Waivers Based on Financial Need

Waivers of admission application fees for students with a demonstrated financial need and for whom an application fee would create an undue burden are provided at all of the 36 private colleges and universities as well as all of the 16 University of North Carolina system campuses.

Application fee waivers due to financial hardship are provided to ensure that no student is deprived of the opportunity to pursue admission to the institution(s) of their choice. Application fee waivers must be authorized by high school counselors through the College Board fee waiver program, if available, or otherwise by high school certification on school letterhead stationary.

Students who are eligible for fee waivers for the standard college entrance tests are usually eligible for application fee waivers as well. Encourage students to talk with their school counselor well in advance of College Application Week to discuss need and availability. The school counselor will complete the fee waiver form which should be mailed in with the college application (if hard copy) or confirmation page (if application was submitted online). Only high school counselors can request fee waivers directly from the College Board, students cannot request these.

Fee Payment: Credit or Debit Card Required with Online Submission

Some colleges accept online applications only if accompanied by credit card payment for the application fee. If a student has a College Board fee waiver or needs to pay by check to these institutions, payment should accompany a paper copy of the application mailed to the admission office.

NOVEMBER CHECKLIST

- ✓ SAT Reasoning and Subject Test: November 5th. ✓ November 1-15: Early Decision applications.
- ✓ If you have NOT purchased graduation supplies, see Mrs. Sollie ASAP !
- ✓ Complete at least one college application by Thanksgiving. Participate in College Application Week at Tuscola.



Transfer to Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Many students begin their undergraduate studies at community colleges then transfer to four-year colleges. Studies indicate that students who spend their first two years at a community college and then go on to graduate from four-year colleges are as well prepared academically as those who go directly to four-year colleges. Community colleges and four-year colleges have formed partnerships to accelerate the transfer process, and counselors are available to assist with transfer procedures.



SAT SUBJECT TESTS

SAT Subject Tests are one-hour multiple-choice tests. They're designed to show your child's knowledge, and ability to apply that knowledge, in specific subject areas.

Most students take Subject Tests toward the end of their junior year or at the beginning of their senior year. Your child should take tests such as World History, Biology E/M, Chemistry, or Physics as soon as possible after completing the course in the subject. Your child will do better on other tests like Languages after at least two years of study.

You and your child can learn more about the individual subjects and how to prepare on www.collegeboard.com.