

The Gold Sheet

Scholarships and Financial Aid Advice for East Wilkes Students October 2019

It's Time to Get Ready For College Admission!

- **STEPS TO COMPLETING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS ONLINE:**
 - Go to College Foundation of North Carolina www.cfnc.org for a direct link to all colleges in NC.
 - **Log In** under your previously existing account.
 - Click on the **Apply to College** link, then **Application Hub**, select the college you wish to apply to – complete application.
 - Click on the **Application Hub to Request My Transcripts** for each college you applied to.
- Students using the **Common Application** to apply to college are still required to request transcript be sent through CFNC at **Request My Transcripts**.
- Complete the **Residency Determination Service (RDS)** to determine eligibility for in-state tuition and state grants. Once you complete **RDS** you will receive a **Residency Certification Number (RCN)**. RDS is embedded within the CFNC applications as well as some Common App applications. If it is not you will need to complete RDS at www.ncresidency.org. Be sure to complete with a parent/guardian!
- Students applying to out-of-state colleges-see your counselor to request transcripts.
- Make a goal to apply by Early Deadlines – the website link is below.
https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf. **Some colleges are as early as October 15th.**
- 4-yr colleges need official **SAT scores** from CollegeBoard and **ACT scores** from act.org

OCTOBER-IMPORTANT DATES

10/1-FAFSA available at fafsa.ed.gov

Create FAFSA ID (both student and parent) before completing FAFSA

10/10- FAFSA/RDS Night 6:00pm - Media Center

Working session to complete the FAFS/RDS - bring laptop

Parent's & student's 2018 tax return and FSA ID (both student and parent FAFSA ID)

10/26 - FAFSA DAY at local community colleges

Sign up on CFNC.org

ATTENTION CHILDREN OF MILITARY VETERANS

If your parent was a resident of North Carolina when he/she entered military service you may be eligible for a scholarship to attend one of the universities, community colleges or technical institutes in the state of NC. The application is online at www.NC4VETS.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW's) Voice of Democracy Oral Essay Contest-Students compete for scholarships by writing and recording a script on the patriotic theme: *"Why My Voice Matters."* **Simply record your 3-5 minute essay and include your printed copy.** Prizes and Scholarships are awarded at the local, district, state and national level. **Deadline to submit essay is October 31st. Win or lose, students that enter this contest are eligible to receive \$50.** See your Civics teachers for info.

Elks Club Scholarships

The **Elks National Foundation** offers its **Most Valuable Student** competition. Scholarship, leadership and financial need are the criteria for this award. If you have a lot of community service hours you have an advantage. Five hundred awards will be awarded nationwide from \$4,000 - \$50,000. Go to www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm and complete an application by Nov. 15th.

The Elks in North Carolina also offer an **Elks Nursing Scholarship**. Students must be in nursing school to receive the award for \$1,000.

If you have a parent or grandparent in Elks, you could qualify for an **Elks Legacy Scholarship**. Deadline is **February 1, 2019**. Visit <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm>

Emergency Educational Grants One-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. This grant is for one year and can range up to \$4,000. Application is due by **Oct. 31st**. Visit <http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/> for details.

The **Coca-Cola Scholarship** awards 250 merit-based scholarships. Fifty awards are for \$20,000. Two hundred are for \$10,000. Apply online <http://www.coca-colascholars.org> before **Wednesday, Oct 31st**.

Here is one for everybody! **SunTrust's Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes** will offer a \$1,000 scholarship every two weeks from now through May 13th. No GPA or financial need considered. **Just visit <https://www.suntrust.com/loans/student-loans/scholarship> and apply online NOW.**

The search is on to find the top youth volunteer for **The Prudential Spirit of Community Award**. If you are selected, you could receive \$1,000, an impressive silver medallion, and an all expense paid trip with a parent/guardian to Washington D.C., next April. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the "Apply Now" link. **Application deadline is November 6th.**

Scholarships from the Colleges:

Full undergraduate support is offered to student writers through The **Thomas Wolfe Scholarship** to attend **UNC Chapel Hill**. You must complete an application to UNC-CH by Oct 15th and apply for the scholarship by Nov 15th. The scholarship is only for those who are exceptional writers. Please visit <https://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative-writing/scholarships-and-awards/the-thomas-wolfe-scholarship/> for more information and an application.

The Chancellor's Science Scholars Program at **UNC Chapel Hill** awards 30-45 scholarships at a value of \$40,000 each. To be considered a student must apply Early Action by October 15th to UNC-CH.

The application deadline for **Appalachian State University Scholarships** for students entering Fall 2018 is November 15th. The scholarship application is online in your MyMountaineer Portal. Students will receive username and password to access this account on receipt of an application for admission. The W.H. Plemmons Leadership scholarship is part of the overall merit scholarship application.

Appalachian State's Honors Program and **Watauga Residential College** are competitive and by application only. Successful applicants will generally be in the top 5% of their class. Apply through the MyMountaineer Portal once your application to ASU is complete.

UNC Asheville Admissions Scholarships-Pisgah Scholarship

UNC Asheville offers a variety of scholarships, ranging from approximately \$1,000 per year to full tuition and fees, to entering freshman who demonstrate high academic achievements. You must be accepted to UNC Asheville and all application materials must be submitted by November 15th to be considered for the 2019-2020 academic year. For further information, please contact the Admissions Office at 828-251-6481 or 1-800-531-9842.

NC State University will award **Centennial Scholarships** to their top incoming freshmen pursuing a degree in engineering, business, chemistry forensics, medical fields, international studies, design, apparel, sourcing, fashion, or merchandising. See Ms. Hamby by November 1st to be nominated.

NC State University Goodnight Scholarship will be awarded to a top incoming freshman pursuing a degree in a STEM field. To be considered you must submit an application to NCSU by October 15th. The Goodnight Scholars Program will send an invitation to apply email to those chosen as applicants on December 23, 2017.

Western Carolina University requires no separate application. Simply apply for admission at www.wcu.edu

The **UNC Charlotte Scholarships for Merit** are based on academic achievement and evidence of leadership and service. Candidates must rank in the upper 10 percent of the high school class. You have to apply for admissions by the Nov 1st deadline.

Ask Ms. Weddington about Berea College...

Berea College, Kentucky provides a high-quality education to students with limited economic resources. Those admitted pay no tuition or fees. Every student offered admission to Berea

College will receive a four-year, full tuition scholarship. A limited number of spaces will be filled through the non-binding Early Review program due by October 31st. Admission decisions are then made on a monthly basis until spaces are filled. www.berea.edu/admissions

UNC-Greensboro announces its Merit Awards program. Criteria include SAT of 1200 or better, 3.5 or better GPA. One application covers you for all of UNCG's top awards. Deadline to apply is December 1st.

Catawba College in Salisbury has expanded its scholarship program. The Presidential Scholarship and the Trustee Scholarships offers awards up from \$6000 to \$17000 with no separate application...just apply for admission. www.catawba.edu (800) CATAWBA

West Teaching Scholarship at the Catawba College Academy for Teaching is available. The scholarship is a yearly award of \$2,500 in addition to any other academic scholarships for which the student is eligible. Interested students may apply online or contact us to discuss this scholarship. The West Teaching Scholars application is located at the following link: <http://catawba.edu/academyforteaching>. The deadline for submitting applications is December 1, 2018. In order to be eligible for the West Scholarship, students must have applied to and have been accepted to Catawba College.

Salem College considers all admitted applicants for merit scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition. To be considered for Salem's full tuition awards, applications must be postmarked by January 1st. Applications for all other scholarships, including music and art, must be postmarked by January 15th. Refer to www.salem.edu for a list of scholarships. To receive need-based financial aid complete the FAFSA between October 1 and February 1.

East Carolina University academic scholarships information can be found at <https://ecu.academicworks.com/>. Scholarship deadlines vary with deadlines until January 1, 2019.

Lenoir-Rhyne University has the L.R. Teaching Scholars scholarship program for students interested in becoming a teacher. Priority consideration for this scholarship will be given to students applying by January 10, 2019. You must submit an application for admission and then submit an application for the scholarship at <http://bit.ly/2feVKi1>. Don't wait as spaces are limited. If interested you should also attend the Choose LR open house on 10/20/18. Students may register for this event at: <http://www.lr.edu/admissions/visit/come-to-an-event>.

Five Schools now host NC Teaching Fellows: **Elon, Meredith, UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State**. Visit the NC Teaching Fellows website.