



Rockingham Early College High School's

# COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE NEWSLETTER



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# A Message from our College Advisers



Hello! We are the college advisers here at Rockingham Early College. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the students and their parents up to date with the latest information as it pertains to college. This includes school events, important deadlines, and even scholarship information. We personally want all our Griffins to strive toward reaching their post-graduation goals and we are here to help them along the way.

We hope you all enjoy this year's first edition of the College Knowledge Newsletter. Be on the lookout for it each month!

- Ms. Talley & Ms. Holloway

Find us in the  
Mezzanine from  
8am-11am!

Wednesdays - Ms. Talley

Thursdays - Ms. Holloway

*October is...*

# COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

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# NC RESIDENCY DETERMINATION SERVICES (RDS)

## "WHAT IS IT?"

A required application for students to be considered to receive the benefits of in-state tuition and state financial aid

- In-state tuition = a much **cheaper** college experience than out-of-state
- State aid = grants (money that you **don't have to pay back**)

## "WHAT WILL I NEED?"

### Students

Social Security Number  
(or other identifiable number)

Date of Birth

Filed taxes last year (Y/N)

If yes? How? (Electronically or Mailed)

NC driver's license # (if applicable)

### Parent/Guardian\*

Social Security Number  
(or other identifiable number)

Date of Birth

Date you started living at current address

Filed taxes in the last two years? (Y/N)

If yes? How? (Electronically or Mailed)

Type (Single, Head of Household, etc)

Claimed student on taxes? (Y/N)

Any registered vehicles under your name?(Y/N)

Registered to vote? (Y/N) County?

NC driver's license # (if applicable)

\*You will need this information for both parents if they are living together in the same household

## "HOW DO I DO IT?"

1) Go to [www.NCresidency.org](http://www.NCresidency.org)

2) Student creates a CFNC account *if you do not already have one*  
**CONTACT MS. TATUM IF YOU ARE UNSURE OR THINK YOU DON'T!**

3) *Update profile*

- **BE ACCURATE! Mistakes cause BIG problems**  
**Social security number and date of birth are critical**

4) *Complete RDS Online Interview*

5) *Upload documents (if required)*

- **RDS tells you if you need documents, not everyone will**  
**you have 25 days to uploads documents if asked for it**

## "ANYTHING ELSE?"

**DON'T CREATE ANOTHER CFNC ACCOUNT** - If you do not know if you have one already, contact Ms.Tatum or RDS (844) 319-3640

**DON'T GUESS!** - They check you answers with NC State Agencies. If you guess they will mark you as a non-resident (i.e. no in-state tuition)

**SAVE YOUR RESIDENCY CERTIFICATION NUMBER (RCN)** - You will need it for all applications to NC public colleges and universities

A large graphic featuring a white circle with a dotted border, surrounded by a thick yellow ring. The background is purple with several green dollar signs scattered around. The text "FAFSA IS NOW OPEN" is written in yellow, bold, uppercase letters inside the white circle.

**FAFSA  
IS NOW OPEN**

## The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Colleges and universities use this form to determine your eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs

You and your parent/guardian will need a Federal Student Aid ID to complete the FAFSA. Visit: [www.StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://www.StudentAid.gov/fsaid)

Afterwards, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to start your FAFSA application

# Standardized Tests to Get You to College

Scores help colleges compare students from different high schools.

Your scores help to indicate your strengths and readiness for college work.

achieve  
more®

SAT®

ACT®

Some colleges use your test scores, alone or in combination with other characteristics and achievements, to award money.

Nearly all 4-year colleges require you to submit test scores.

# SAT

English: 45 min

Math: 60 min

Reading: 35 min

Science: 35 min

Writing: 25 min

Highest possible score: 36

# ACT

Reading: 65 min

Math: 2 sections, 25 & 55 min

Writing and Grammar: 35 min

Essay: 50 minutes

Highest possible score: 1600

The minimum admissions test requirements for many 4-year public NC institutions are:

**SAT**

880

**ACT**

17

Upcoming 2019 Test Dates:

**SAT**

November 2nd

Registration Closed

December 7th

Register by November 8th

**ACT**

December 14th

Register by November 8th

# UPCOMING

## \$ scholarships \$

### Coca-Cola Scholars - 10/31

Achievement based scholarship: leadership, service, and academic success

\$20,000 scholarship

### Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship - 10/31

250 word essay "Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive."

\$2,000 scholarship

### Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship - 11/14

Must intend to enroll full time in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2020, have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5+, have a SAT Total Score of 1200+ OR an ACT Composite Score of 26+, and demonstrate unmet financial need. They will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000.

\$40,000 scholarship

### Scholarship Document (click below)

See more opportunities here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wwYTHq03uj2i0B0es5NymncRwrwvzXy6lteNgEpfShg/edit?usp=sharing>

### Websites to look into more scholarships:

CFNC.org   bigfuture.collegeboard.org   unigo.com  
fastweb.com   scholarships.com   cappex.com



### Humanity Rising Scholarship - 10/31

"How have you helped spread kindness in your Tell us your service story! There are no minimum hours required and no specific activity that is more or less compelling in the eyes of our judges. We're looking for service that was impactful and meaningful to you and those who benefited from your volunteerism or innovative service project.

Up to \$2,000 scholarship

### Acts 1:8 Ministry Scholarship - 10/31

"How have you helped spread kindness in your community and how has it made you think differently about yourself, others, and the world around us?" This should be a short essay (under 500 words).

\$500 scholarship

### James Alan Cox Foundation Scholarship - 11/15

For those with a passion for photography. The submissions should focus on photojournalism (storytelling) and not on art. High school students can submit up to five still photographs.

\$2,500 scholarship

### Teen Changemakers Essay Contest - 11/1

Meet with a school staff member and Option A: learn about mental health programs/services at the school and write a report.

Option B: write a proposal for a mental health program you would like to see implemented in your school.

Up to \$1,000 scholarship

And these are just a few!  
Be sure to look for more.



**Thank you**

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