

Your Checklist for College:

9th Grade—

- Take courses that challenge you
- Explore career interests at CFNC.org
- Research ways to save and pay for college
- Check entrance requirements for colleges that interest you
- Job Shadow
- Volunteer in the Community
- Begin Test Prep

10th Grade—

- Pursue extracurricular interests, such as dance, sports, clubs, or community services
- Start using the free SAT and ACT Prep
- Take the PSAT for practice
- “Tour” colleges online and/or in person

11th Grade—

- Review your academic plan with your counselor
- Take PSAT in October (you may qualify for National Merit Scholarships)
- Visit Colleges
- Register and take SAT, ACT, and/or AP tests
- Continue Test Prep
- Take PLAN Test
- Eligible Athletes Register for NCAA Clearinghouse

Seniors...

(After January 1st)

FAFSA:

“Free Application for Federal Student Aid”

1. Go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Create a PIN number
3. Create FAFSA account
4. Complete IRS Tax Forms
5. Complete online application
6. Print form with EFC number
7. Pick your college (s) to determine financial aid packet

Visit the college (s) financial aid webpages for separate applications for scholarships and grants.

Select colleges will also require the CSS profile on www.collegeboard.org

Freshman–Seniors

⇒ Financial Aid (FAFSA)

⇒ College Costs

⇒ Determination of Athletic Eligibility

⇒ Need and Merit Based Programs

⇒ SAT and ACT Prep Courses

⇒ SAT and ACT Fee Waivers

⇒ Interview Skills

⇒ Resume Building

⇒ Summer Internships

⇒ Community Engagement

“College Central has been extremely beneficial for me as a senior. I love knowing that if I ever have a question, I can walk to Mrs. Blount's office and know she will have an answer, or can find an answer for me. I honestly do not know how I would have survived college applications, scholarships, etc. without Mrs. Blount and College

How Can We Help?

Important Websites:

1. SAT—www.collegeboard.com
2. ACT— www.act.org
3. CFNC—www.cfnc.org
4. Common App—
www.commonapp.org
5. FAFSA—www.fafsa.ed.gov
6. Scholarships—
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.studentscholarships.org
 - www.scholarshipexperts.org
 - www.simplegiftsfund.org
 - www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
7. NCAA—www.eligibilitycenter.org

Visit your intended college's financial aid page for more Scholarship and Financial Aid Applications.

Important Dates:

SAT:

1. Test Date – May 3

Register by April 4

2. Test Date – June 7

Register by May 9

ACT:

1. Test Date – June 14

Register by May 9

See Mrs. Blount for

qualifications to receive a fee waiver

Qualifying students can use 2 SAT and 2 ACT fee waivers in addition to 4 college application fee waivers



Clinton High School College Central

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**[www.clinton.k12.nc.us/pages/
Clinton City Schools/College Central](http://www.clinton.k12.nc.us/pages/Clinton_City_Schools/College_Central)**

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advising, Financial Aid and
much, much more!***

We are here to provide a college advising and scholarship "hub." Our purpose is to foster and support a college culture at Clinton High School.

Guidance Counselors

***Kristen Lee
Counselor
9-10 Graders***

***Amy Sarp
Counselor
11-12 Graders***