

# On Your Mark...Get Set....APPLY!!!

## Before you apply...

- Check out the “stats” of the schools you’re interested in (average GPA, rank, test scores). Your personal stats should somewhat match.
- Decide on at least 3 schools: a “reach”, a “match” and a “safety” school choice.
- Know your application deadlines.
- Have your student résumé ready if letters of recommendation are needed.
- Have your volunteer/community service hours and/or logs available.
- Complete your Residency Determination Services (RDS) form online (cfnc.org, ncredidency.org, at the college’s website).

## Apply!

- Apply through the college’s website, cfnc.org, or the Common Application (if applicable).
- Request to have your both college transcript (at the WCC Admissions Office) sent and send your high school transcript (see below).
  - cfnc.org – student takes care of this themselves! CFNC will send your transcript electronically (be sure you have an active account).
  - SendEdu – if your application uses this method, you will provide Ms. Loury’s email on the application and she will receive a request to upload it.
  - Common Application – if using the Common App, Ms. Loury will upload.
  - Applying out of state – request a paper copy from Ms. Loury.
- Request letters of recommendation (if applicable).
- Send your test scores (ACT/SAT) if you did not request it to be sent automatically when you registered. (See Ms. Loury if you need help!)
- Read instructions carefully!
- You can apply as a Freshman or Transfer but it is still most advisable to apply as a freshman.
- Take your time with your essays (if applicable)...draft, draft, draft!!
- You do not have to complete the application in one sitting! Save and return if you need to verify certain information with parents. Do not guess!
- Check and have someone else check your application when finished.
- SUBMIT!!! (hopefully well before the deadline 😊)
- Remember! A college will not review your application if they do not have...
  - a completed application
  - test scores (SAT/ACT)
  - transcripts (high school and college)
  - fees paid or fee waiver received

## After Submitting:

- Check your account with that college frequently in case they need to communicate with you.
- Keep track of your usernames and passwords for your college accounts.