

CFNC Educator Update

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Happy New Year!

Dear Educator,

We hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! In this issue of Educator Update we will focus on deadlines for state aid programs, as well as, updates to CFNC publications. We will also highlight the upcoming FAFSA Day program, spring 2009 educator workshops offered by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), and we will provide information on career and college planning webinars.

We hope you enjoy the information contained in this newsletter and find it useful. As always, please let us know if you have any questions, feedback, or ideas for future editions.

Sincerely,

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CFNC newsletter editors

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2009-10 Deadlines for State Scholarship / Scholarship-Loan Programs

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) administers more than 50 scholarship, grant and scholarship-loan programs for the state's students seeking funding for college. For many of the programs, students must complete the FAFSA and indicate at least one qualifying North Carolina campus to be considered for program funding. For certain programs, students must also complete a SEAA application to be considered.

Below you will find a handy listing of SEAA-administered scholarships and scholarship-loans, available to 2009-10 college freshmen, that require an additional application, along with the application deadlines and Internet links to eligibility requirements, application procedures and other important information:

Aubrey Lee Brooks	CFNC.org/brooks	February 1, 2009
Golden LEAF Scholarship (public universities)	CFNC.org/goldenleaf	March 15, 2009*
Jagannathan Scholarship	CFNC.org/jag	February 16, 2009
Millennium Teacher Scholarship-Loan Program	CFNC.org/MTSL	(Check with campus)
NC Legislative Tuition Grant	CFNC.org/NCLTG	October 1, 2009
NC Student Loan Program for Health, Science and Mathematics	CFNC.org/HSM	April 30, 2010 or until funds are exhausted
Nurse Education Scholarship-Loan Program	CFNC.org/NESLP	(Check with campus)
Nurse Scholars Program (bachelor's degree)	CFNC.org/NSP	February 28, 2009
Nurse Scholars Program (associate degree)	CFNC.org/NSP	May 3, 2009
Prospective Teacher Scholarship-Loan	CFNC.org/PTSL	April 15, 2009

* Indicates a priority deadline. Applications will continue to be accepted and considered after this date if funds remain after qualifying student who applied by the priority deadline have been awarded.

SEAA-administered programs that do not require an application other than the FAFSA, programs for which students are nominated by their campuses and those not available to entering freshmen are not listed. For information about such opportunities, please visit CFNC.org and click the "Paying for College" tab.

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New CFNC Publications for Students Pursuing Health and Teaching Careers

We are pleased to announce the following publications have been updated:

Health Programs in North Carolina (CFNC-NCSEAA 103-08.) This brochure highlights funding opportunities for students pursuing educational programs leading to health careers and can be previewed online at CFNC.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/Health_Nursing_Broch.pdf

Teaching Programs in North Carolina (CFNC-NCSEAA 101-08.) This brochure highlights funding opportunities for students pursuing educational programs leading to health careers and can be previewed online at CFNC.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/TeachingBroch.pdf

To order these and other CFNC publications for your students, call 866-866-CFNC. For a comprehensive listing of CFNC publications educators may order, visit CFNC.org/resources.



FAFSA Day is February 21, 2009

FAFSA Day in North Carolina is a statewide event to provide students and their families free help to complete and submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms so they can be considered for federal and state financial aid for college. Last year, more than 3,600 students and families received help at 56 locations across the state.

More than 650 volunteers staffed the locations last year. CFNC has already confirmed 62 locations and hopes to add more sites for the 2009 event.

Students can learn more about FAFSA Day, what to bring and how to register at CFNC.org/fafsaday or by calling toll free 866-866-CFNC. Please encourage your students to register for FAFSA Day.

CFNC will mail promotional materials to high schools across the state in late January. We will also promote the program statewide through press releases, television and radio ads and a direct postcard mailing.

We appreciate the help of high school counselors across the state in promoting FAFSA Day and making their students and their families aware of the importance of completing their FAFSAs in a timely manner.

We are again seeking counselors to serve as greeters and to help in other capacities at the FAFSA Day sites. Please contact Robbie Schultz at robbie@ncseaa.edu / 800-700-1775 ext. 4686 if you would like to participate in a FAFSA Day program near you, or if you have questions about the program.

85,000 N.C. Students Will Get College Grants This Year

In the 2008-09 academic year, more than 85,000 state residents will receive some form of need based state grant aid to attend North Carolina community colleges, public universities and independent colleges. More than \$250 million in grant aid, money that does not need to be paid back, will be disbursed.

To be considered for most need-based N.C. grant programs, all the student must do is file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The "Paying for College" section on CFNC.org provides more details on grant programs for N.C. students.

Please visit CFNC.org for a major grants chart detailing the programs administered by the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA). This chart will be available by mid-January.



Nearly 38,000 college applications submitted during 2008 N.C. College Application Week, November 10-14

During the week of November 10th, 37,932 college applications were submitted to North Carolina colleges and universities as part of College Application Week, sponsored by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO). Students at 293 high schools across N.C. participated in the event that helped high school seniors apply online to college using CFNC.org. Special focus was placed on first-generation and students who might not otherwise apply to college.

Students were able to apply on CFNC.org to any of North Carolina's 110 community colleges, public universities and private colleges. Some private institutions waived their normal application fees for students during the College Application Week event. In addition, all University of North Carolina campuses and the remaining private institutions waived their normal application fees for students with demonstrated financial need. Eligible students obtained a College Board fee waiver from their high school counselor. Students who are eligible for SAT fee waivers are usually eligible for application fee waivers, as well. North Carolina's 58 community colleges do not charge application fees.

The activity during this year's event brings the total number of admissions applications submitted online at CFNC.org since August 1 for 2009 enrollment at North Carolina colleges and universities to 143,803, or an average of 1,283 online college applications per day since August 1.

Governor Mike Easley declared Nov. 10-14 College Application Week in North Carolina. According to the N.C. Commission on Workforce Development, by 2014 North Carolina will need more than 400,000 new workers with at least a bachelor's degree to be competitive in the global economy.

Our appreciation goes out to those high schools that hosted a College Application Week program, and to the many counselors, principals, technical coordinators and other educators who made the program such a great success!



Summer Internship Program for High School Counselors

Each summer, the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) sponsors summer internships for high school counselors on college campuses across the state. Counselors selected for this program work for 3 to 6 thirty-hour weeks in a college financial office, and earn \$700 per week. Participating counselors benefit by learning a great deal about the financial aid process – knowledge they can share with their students and families upon returning to their schools - while earning money in the summer. The campus financial aid offices benefit from the help they receive from dedicated and knowledgeable professionals during a very busy time of the year. The professional bonds established are a bonus that continue long after the internship is over.

The eligibility requirements, application and list of participating campuses for the summer of 2009 will be posted in late January at www.ncseaa.edu/internship.htm. The application deadline is Friday, February 27.

For more information about the summer internship, please contact Robbie Schultz at robbie@ncseaa.edu or 800-700-1775 ext. 4686

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CFNC.org Developing Transfer Articulation System New CFNC Financial Aid Handbook

The UNC General Administration received a two-year grant totaling \$3.7 million from the U.S. Department of Education to develop a statewide Transfer Articulation System that will be fully integrated into the CFNC.org web portal. Faculty and staff will be able to more quickly answer student questions about transferring credits among 110 academic institutions, including community colleges, public universities and private colleges. The system will be completed in three phases, with the first phase completed in spring 2009 and the third and final phase completed by the end of 2010.

Each year College Foundation of North Carolina publishes Financial Aid for North Carolinians, a handbook detailing dozens of programs to help North Carolina students pay for college and providing a great deal of information about eligibility requirements, application procedure and award amount for each program. The book has been mailed to the state's high school counseling offices and to other people and organizations working to help students access higher education opportunities in North Carolina. While we cannot provide copies of this book to all seniors across the state due to cost considerations, we post this publication at CFNC.org/fabook so that it is readily available to all North Carolinians. Please share this link with your students and their families, and encourage them to review this useful publication.

CFNC.org invites you to get your students connected to career planning

Counselors, educators, administrators and all other educational professionals are invited to join us at one of the free CFNC.org educator workshops scheduled for spring 2009. The workshop modules are 3 hours each, focus on using and implementing the CFNC/Bridges online career and college planning tools, and offer .3 technology continuing ed. units for those that attend. Each workshop will provide participants with a resource notebook, access to lesson plans, and implementation strategies, and a brief update of the CFNC.org website. To register for a workshop, please visit CFNC.org and click on the gold "Register for CFNC Events" button. Find a location close to you and register for the module that targets the grade level of the students that you serve. Help your students make the connection between school, learning, careers, and a bright future in a meaningful way. See you this spring!

Counselor and Educator Training Schedule: Spring 2009

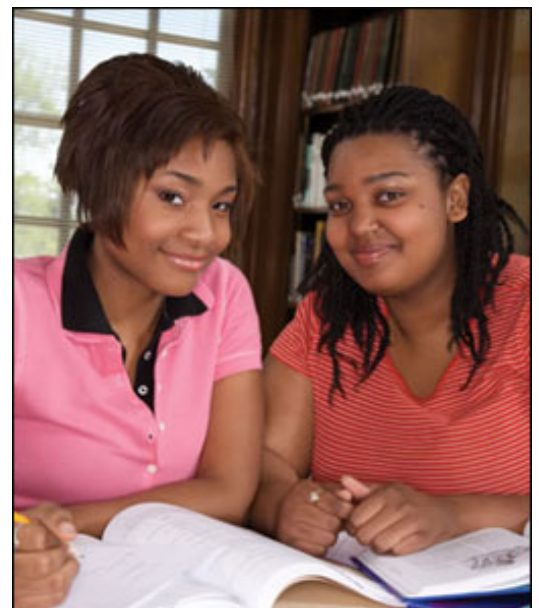
Rocky Mount/ NC Wesleyan College	February 26th and 27th
Meredith College	March 2nd and 3rd
UNC Charlotte	March 9th and 10th
UNC Wilmington	March 12th and 13th
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (Enka Camps)	March 16th and 17th
Winston-Salem State University	April 2nd and 3rd

Career and College Planning Curriculum Webinars

Learn about the CFNC Career and College Planning Curriculum for 7th-12th grade by joining a 45-minute webinar. The webinars are scheduled on the second Thursday of each month and include a brief look at the scope and sequence, learning outcomes (aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study for School Counseling), lesson plans, and how to implement the activities through downloadable PDFs or embedded in a Premier agenda. Please sign up on CFNC.org at "Register for CFNC Events".

Printable Application Feature now available on CFNC

CFNC now offers applicants the ability to view and print an exact copy of the CFNC online admission application data as it was submitted. Students who apply online using a CFNC application, can view and print a simple pdf version of the submitted application from the Application Agreement Page (also referred to as the "confirmation page"). When students click on the newly added "View PDF" link, a pdf file will appear in a printable format allowing students to have a copy of their exact application data as submitted. The Application Agreement Page can also be accessed from the Application Manager screen located under "Online Applications." The information included on the pdf files will not change if students alter their information on a future application. The new printable file only applies to in-progress and/or future submitted applications. Please contact Katie Prosser, prosserce@northcarolina.edu, if you have any questions.



CFNC Answers More Than One Million Phone Calls

As of September 2008, the CFNC Call Center had answered 1,031,941 calls on its toll-free number 866-866-CFNC. This is based on calls tracked since the inception of the CFNC marketing campaign, which began in May 2000.

Kiplinger.com Recommends N.C. 529 Plan

In September 2008, Kiplinger.com recommended the N.C. 529 Plan, saying, "The tax break trumps lower fees in an out-of-state 529."

Let us know what you think!

To share your comments or questions with us regarding this newsletter, please contact [Nicole Roach](#), Editor, CFNC - Educator Update.

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