Virtual Scavenger Hunt

As North Carolina Countdown to College begins, use this resource to explore and expand your knowledge on FAFSA, Residency Determination Service, and College Applications.

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Instructions: Using the tools on **CFNC.org**, **Studentaid.gov** (FAFSA), **NCResidency.org** (RDS), and **NCcareers.org**, answer the following questions to learn more about NC colleges and universities, the application process, FAFSA and financial aid, careers, and RDS.

FAFSA

1. What does FAFSA stand for? _____

2. The FAFSA is used to determine your eligibility for which of these:

   ○ State grants   ○ Student loans   ○ Work-Study positions
   ○ Federal grants   ○ College Scholarships ○ All of these

3. When should the FAFSA be completed? _____

4. Do you need to know what college or university you plan to attend before you complete the FAFSA? ○ Yes   ○ No

RDS

5. What does RDS stand for? _____

6. Why do you need to go through the RDS process? _____

7. The same username and password you use for RDS can be used to apply to colleges, request transcripts, and take career assessments. What account username and password will you use? *(Hint: It's a website with 4 letters that helps you plan, apply, and pay for college.)* _____

Applications

8. List 3 school "key facts" or other filters that can be used to search for schools on CFNC College Search.
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9. Use College Search to find 4 schools where you might want to apply. List them here:
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10. Name the section on **CFNC.org** that allows you to login and a) apply to colleges and b) request high school transcripts?

Careers

11. True or False? You can take career assessments and search for career information on **CFNC.org** and **NCcareers.org** using your CFNC username and password. ○ True   ○ False

12. Go to **NCcareers.org** or **CFNC.org** to take the Interest Finder assessment *(the short version takes less than 10 minutes).* What was your highest-ranking interest category? _____

13. Explore **NCcareers.org** and list one Occupation that interests you and the Median Annual Wage:
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