



**JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2026**

### REQUIREMENTS

- Must be part of a high school counseling staff or college access community-based organization.
- School or organization is a registered C2C Site.
- School or organization completed the Financial Aid Champion Checklist (with a minimum of 100 points earned) and provided all required data and documentation by **March 31, 2026**.

### FINANCIAL AID CHAMPION



- ☐ School used the NC FAFSA Tracker to set FAFSA goal for the current academic year and has an action plan to achieve this goal.
- ☐ School counselor(s)/college advisor have access and used the Finish the FAFSA report.
- ☐ Shared financial aid information on social media pages or internal student communication platform (i.e. Google Classroom).
- ☐ Advertised Financial Aid February events to students and parents (this includes via social media, email, and in-person events).
- ☐ Shared information about Next NC Scholarship with students and parents (this includes via email and at in-person events).
- ☐ Promoted CFNC Scholarship Search tool to students and parents (this includes via social media, email, and in-person events).

### FINANCIAL AID CHAMPION EXTRA POINTS



- ☐ School achieved their FAFSA goal by end of March 2026. **EXTRA POINTS AVAILABLE**
- ☐ Hosted four FAFSA or college application completion events (two must be after school hours). **EXTRA POINTS AVAILABLE**
- ☐ School has two (or more) bulletin boards in hallway(s) covering financial aid information (FAFSA, scholarships/grants/loans, Next NC Scholarship).
- ☐ School had at least four staff, coaches, or teachers sign up for the trusted influencer - financial aid and college access email alerts (See C2C toolkit).
- ☐ Hosted a FAFSA or financial aid event in partnership with a local high school/college access organization/ college or university.
- ☐ Attended CFNC Spring regional training.

**For more information, visit [CFNC.org/FinancialAidChampions](https://CFNC.org/FinancialAidChampions)**