



After Application Submissions: What's Next?

The puzzle pieces of going to college are almost together! Read the following information to learn more about next steps.

Residency

Residency Certification Number (RCN) and Required Documentation

The RCN is a unique identifier that the Residency Determination Service (RDS) assigns to you when you begin the RDS online interview. If you forget your RCN, you can retrieve it by logging into your RDS account, or call 844-319-3640 for more assistance. If you started the RDS process, but have not finished it, you have 25 days to complete; after that you will have to start again. Once you have completed your RDS online interview, you may be asked to submit various documents to complete processing, via email or text. You will want to log into your RDS account and submit this documentation in a timely manner to allow RDS to review your residency claim.

RDS Reconsideration

A student may complete an RDS Reconsideration for various reasons, such as a need to correct certain errors in the information submitted during the initial consideration request or a failure to submit required documentation by the 25-day deadline. For additional reconsideration reasons, questions, or appeal information, go to ncresidency.org or call 844-319-3640.

FAFSA

Financial Aid Offer Letters

Be on the lookout for financial aid offers from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA form. These come at different times and in different ways (emailed, postal mail, etc.). If you have questions, be sure to reach out the college's financial aid office or visit their website.

Scholarships

If you have not already, you will want to apply for scholarships – and plenty of them! Be sure to visit your college(s) website to look for institutional scholarship instructions and deadlines. You should also visit CFNC.org/scholarships to research statewide opportunities and talk with your high school counselor for local opportunities. Keep a financial aid calendar and put reminders in your phone so you don't miss deadlines.

Applications

Supplemental Application Requirements

Many colleges require students to submit additional information in order to complete the application process. This may include additional essays, letters of recommendation, or a personal statement. Find out what other information is required and send it to the campus before any deadlines.

Communication from Colleges

After you submit your application, colleges will typically notify you with a few days or weeks that your application has been received and is being processed. Each college has their own timeline for notifying students of admission, as well as their own method for this communication. Be sure to check your email and your college portal, if that applies. It is common for several months to pass before colleges send admission decisions. Questions? Visit your college(s) website or call the admissions office. They'd love to hear from you!

More questions? Visit CFNC.org – we're with you every step of the way.