



Tuscola High School Senior Newsletter

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Announcing College Application Week 2011!

- WHO?** Class of 2012 and students interested in learning more about college
- WHAT?** Seniors across the state apply online to at least one college or university using CFNC.org with the support of school staff and volunteers.
- WHERE?** Tuscola High School
- WHEN?** Wednesday, November 16th during English Class
- WHY?** Studies show that if you continue your education beyond high school you:
- will make more money in your lifetime
 - are less likely to be unemployed
 - are likely to have better health and live longer
- Completing college applications online is a faster and more efficient way to apply.
- WHAT NOW?** Go to CFNC.org to create your user account, start or update your High School Planner, complete the Student Handbook & College Application Checklist, and check out CFNC.org/causerseniors.



For more information or questions please contact:
Joy Sollie at 456-2408

Acceptance Letters

We are now recognizing students on the board outside of the office for college acceptance. Please bring a copy of your acceptance letter to the Counseling Center, and we will give you a sticker to decorate and put on our "Fitting into the Real World" Bulletin Board.



Haywood Community College

HCC currently offers 50 curricular programs of study and is always developing new programs. HCC offers the only fish and wildlife associate degree program in North Carolina.

The Arts and Education Department offers three majors of study; Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. All of these degrees are designed to allow students to transfer to a four year institution with their general education requirements fulfilled.

Visit www.haywood.edu for more information about Haywood Community College.



ASKING FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Many colleges and universities require letters of recommendation along with your application for admission. These letters are an important way for admissions officials to gain insight into your personal strengths, weaknesses, and accomplishments.

When asking for a letter of recommendation, consider the following tips: Ask for letters at least 5 weeks before the application deadline, and remind letter-writers 2 weeks prior to the deadline. Be courteous and polite when requesting letters of recommendation. Remember that you are asking the person to do something extra on top of his/her usual workload.

Ask the person if he/she is able to write a strong letter for you; a weak letter will hurt your chances of admission. If someone doesn't know you well enough to advocate for your admission, you should find someone else who can write a stronger letter on your behalf.

Provide all necessary information, forms, addresses, envelopes, and postage to complete and submit the letter of recommendation, and make sure you follow the directions for sending the letters and for meeting the deadlines.



WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION?

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. The Common Application serves students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing online applications, which students and school officials may submit to any of the nearly 450 members.

The Common Application simplifies the college admission process by saving time and eliminating duplication of effort. Once completed, online or printed, copies of the Application for Undergraduate Admission and associated secondary school forms may be sent to any of the participating colleges and universities.

The form may be downloaded or completed online at www.commonapp.org.



Senior Information

Dear Parents—

Were you able to attend Senior Night last year? All seniors and parents should have the following:

- A Senior Guidebook
- A CFNC folder
- Information about the scholarship database
- Senior Calendar

If you have any questions regarding this material, please let me know, and I will be glad to provide another copy. Most of the information is placed in a counseling box in the Senior English classes so that the material is readily available to the students and on Tuscola's website. Any time you have a question or concern regarding college information, scholarships, etc., please do not hesitate to let me know!

Thanks—Joy Sollie (jsollie@haywood.k12.nc.us)



Financial Aid Night

**Tuesday, November 8th
at 6:00 pm.**

Do you need answers to the following questions?

What is financial aid?

Who can get it?

How much can I get?

How do I apply?

- ▶ Attend Financial Aid Night at HCC.
- ▶ There will be presentations on general financial aid information, CFNC, and filling out the FAFSA.
- ▶ Call 627-4506 if you have questions!



COLLEGE CHECKLIST

- ACT Plus Writing Test: October 22nd.
- Prepare Early Decision, Early Action, or rolling admissions applications as soon as possible.
- If you're submitting essays, write first drafts and ask teachers and others to proof them. If you're applying for Early Decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- If you have not had your test scores sent to the college in which you are applying, be sure to contact the College Board or ACT to have them sent.
- Some colleges require the CSS/PROFILE. Begin work on financial aid applications.



CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Are you interested in NC State University?
- Are you interested in the fields of engineering, business management, chemistry, polymer chemistry, forensics, medical, international studies, design, apparel, sourcing, fashion, merchandising or retail management?

THE *CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP* IS A SCHOLARSHIP THAT WILL COVER TUITION AND FEES, ROOM AND BOARD, AND A MEAL PLAN; ANY FUNDS REMAINING CAN BE TREATED AS A STIPEND FOR BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.

New Scholarship Information

- Continue to use the scholarship database on Tuscola's website.
- Listen for announcements about new scholarship information.
- Check out college websites for scholarships.
- Visit www.cfnc.org and click on the "Pay" tab.

Stop by the Counseling Center, and let Mrs. Sollie know if you are interested in this scholarship by October 14th.

