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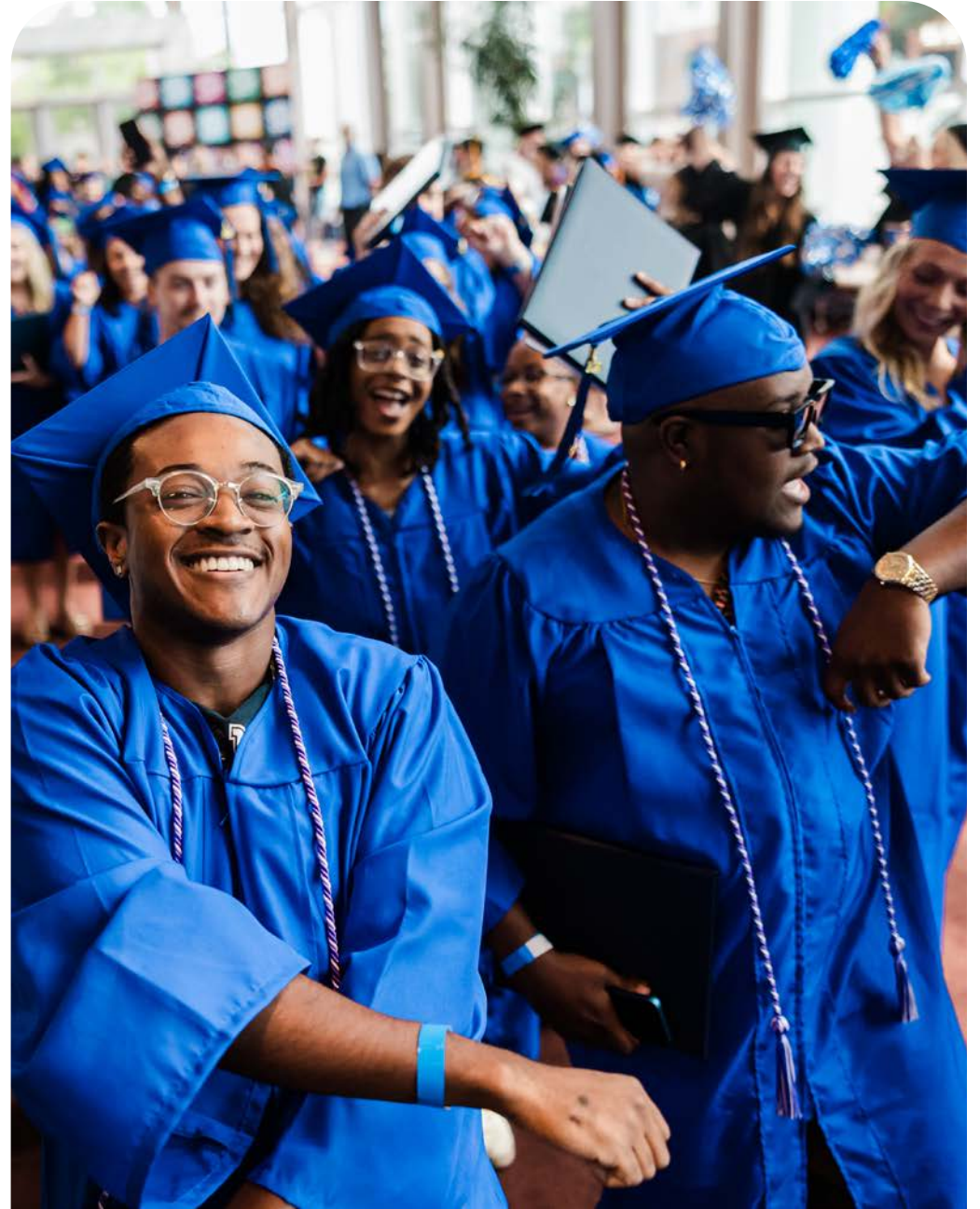
NC College Connect

Direct Admission **Now Available**
for North Carolina students.



What is NC College Connect?

NC College Connect is a program created with the goal of increasing access to higher education by **directly admitting** North Carolina public high school seniors to select UNC System universities, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and their local North Carolina community college **where they already meet admissions requirements.**





NC College Connect Sector Partnerships

Education partners across the state have joined to develop NC College Connect and support students as they navigate their journey to college.

- For High School-related Questions:
NCCollegeConnect@dpi.nc.gov
- For UNC System Questions:
nccollegeconnect@northcarolina.edu
- For North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities Questions: info@ncicu.org
- For NC Community College System Questions:
nccollegeconnect@nccommunitycolleges.edu

2024-25

→ Phase 1 Simplified Application

Proof of Concept

Based on GPA:
Over 70,000 students
were eligible.

Shortened timeframe

Total applications: 6,000

6 Colleges/Universities
plus all NC Comm
Colleges

Data Infrastructure

Currently on-going, for 2025-26

→ Phase 2: Direct Admissions

40 UNC/NCICU institutions and all
CCs are participating.

- Direct admission for qualifying students
- Reduces barriers to college
- Expands access across NC
- Greatly simplifies the admissions process

Participating Institutions Providing Direct Admission:

UNC System Institutions

- Appalachian State University
- East Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- North Carolina Central University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Western Carolina University
- Winston-Salem State University

NC Independent Colleges and Universities

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| • Barton College | • Lenoir–Rhyne University | • Salem College* |
| • Belmont Abbey College* | • Livingstone College | • Shaw University |
| • Bennett College* | • Louisburg College | • University of Mount Olive |
| • Brevard College | • Mars Hill University* | • Warren Wilson College |
| • Campbell University | • Meredith College* | • William Peace University |
| • Catawba College | • Methodist University | • Wingate University* |
| • Chowan University | • Mid-Atlantic Christian University | |
| • Gardner–Webb University* | • Montreat College | |
| • Greensboro College | • North Carolina Wesleyan University | |
| • Guilford College* | • Pfeiffer University | |
| • Johnson C. Smith University* | • Saint Augustine's University | |
| • Lees–McRae College | | |

** These colleges and universities have additional requirements for a student to qualify for direct admission. These requirements will be noted in each institution's NC College Connect form.*

NC Community Colleges

- All 58 North Carolina community colleges*

** Students will receive direct admission to their local community college*

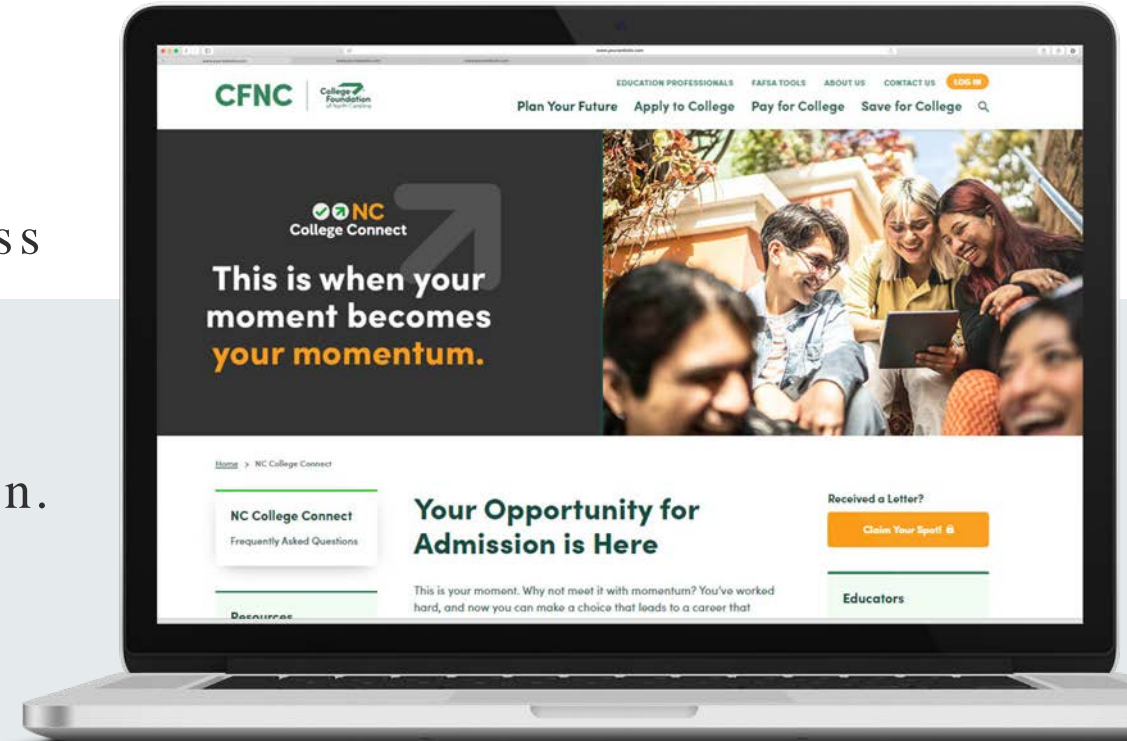
How Will Students Know They're Eligible?

- Students will be **directly admitted** to select colleges and universities where they meet GPA and NC College Connect requirements.
- Eligible students will receive an **official letter** in the mail by the start of their senior school year– and can visit their **portal** on NCCollegeConnect.org to see a full list of colleges and universities where they've been admitted. **Each student will see a tailored set of colleges based on their GPA** (2.8 Unweighted GPA and course requirements).
- Schools will have a list of eligible students, too.



How Will Students Accept Their Admission?

1. Eligible students will receive a letter in the mail. Or students can check their CFNC portals in early August.
2. Students should scan the QR code on their letter to visit NCCollegeConnect.org, where they can access the application portal.
3. After logging in, students will see a complete list of institutions where they have been offered admission. They will have the option to complete a NC College Connect form to accept their admission for each college or university of their choice.
4. Once students complete the NC CC form, students will continue to be recruited from colleges/universities. When students make their decision, they will enroll!



Currently On- Going 2025- 26

→ Phase 2: Direct Admissions

UNC, CC and NCICU institutions are participating.

This week, **62,959** NC public high school Seniors have been directly admitted to at least 34 NC colleges and universities. Some have been admitted to 41 colleges.

Students fill out a simple NC- CC form to accept their admissions – then enroll when they are ready to commit!

Keep in Mind

1

Remember - during College Application Week (Oct. 20 – 26, 2025) most application fees will be waived. Make sure students submit their applications this October!

2

While students may qualify for direct admission to the colleges and universities that are a part of NC College Connect, students are encouraged to apply to any other North Carolina college or university they would like via CFNC.org, based on their priorities and *interests*. However, **once students have submitted the form through NC College Connect, there is no need to submit another application to apply to the same institutions through their traditional application process or other application platform.**

3

Students are encouraged to explore their financial aid options on CFNC.org, including the Next NC Scholarship, local scholarships, and other sources of federal and state aid, to make informed decisions about their future.



On- going with recruitment of current Seniors

→ Phase 3 Initial Planning

For 20 26- 27

- **Solidify** and bring clarity to criteria
- **Formalize** agreements
- **Refine** infrastructure and process
- **Begin marketing** with Juniors so can impact course registration and mindsets **earlier.**

Together, we are
changing the
trajectory of NC's
students.

Learn More!

