



ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FINANCIAL AID 101

HOW TO APPLY

1. Create an FSA ID username & password
 - a. *For Dependent students, your parent must create their own FSA ID.*
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov
3. Add RCC school code: **008612**
4. Submit the completed FAFSA - allow **3-5 days** for processing by ED.
5. Check RCC Self Service & email and submit requested documents to the Financial Aid Office. **Allow 1-2 weeks for processing.**
6. Submit high school transcripts or equivalent to the Admissions Office.
7. Enroll in a financial aid approved program of study.
8. Register **only** for courses included in your program of study.
9. View award eligibility via your student Self Service portal.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Students with **documented** unusual and/or special circumstances such as loss of employment, divorce, parental abandonment, homelessness may qualify for adjustments to their FAFSA elements via a **professional judgment**. Contact the RCC Financial Aid Office on how we can help with your circumstances!

TYPES OF AID

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity
- Federal Work Study
- North Carolina Scholarship
- NC LongLeaf Commitment Grant
- RCC Foundation Scholarships
- State Scholarships
- Other Scholarships
- Veteran's Educational Benefits

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Awards are based on **full-time** status; however, aid will be pro-rated to reflect the student's enrollment status. *For example*, a student enrolled in 9 credit hours will receive an adjustment equal to 75% of their award ($\$2,000 * .75 = \$1,500$)

Status	Credit
Full-Time	12 (or more) credit hours 15+crs for NC Community College Grant
3/4 Time	9-11 credit hours
1/2 Time*	6-8 credit hours
Less Than Half Time (LTHT)*	1-5 credit hours

**Students enrolled for less than 6 credits are not eligible to receive certain State and Federal grants*

REFUNDS TO STUDENTS

Checks are mailed to the student's address on file

Before disbursement checks are generated:

1. Attendance must be verified in every class
2. All charges (*tuition, fees, books and supplies, etc.*) made to the college are deducted prior to refund.

ATTENDANCE

Student must begin attendance in **ALL** courses. *Never attends* or *No Shows* are not covered. Awards are adjusted to reflect actual enrollment status as of the student's "Financial Aid Freeze Date". This is the date we take a "snapshot" of your enrollment status to establish the "official enrollment status" for reporting purposes and financial aid eligibility. Your enrollment status on this day is what will be used to calculate your disbursement.

FUNDING LIMITS

- **Federal Pell Grant** - up to six years or 12 semesters of full-time enrollment or upon completion of a bachelor's degree.
- **North Carolina Scholarship**- up to ten full-time academic semesters
- **Developmental Courses** - up to 30 credit hours

HOW TO KEEP YOUR AID

After each semester, students must meet the following:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.0**
2. Complete **67%** of all attempted courses
3. Complete the requirements of your program of study within a time frame not to exceed **150%** of the published length. *For example, if an academic program length is 60 credit hours, the maximum credit hours that are eligible for financial aid is 90 (60 * 150% = 90)*

Students failing these requirements have the right to appeal their status with supporting documentation.

RETURNING FUNDS

STAY IN CLASS! Students receiving financial aid funds who cease enrollment (*officially or unofficially*) may have to repay a portion of the aid already received. Students who remain in courses passed the following time of the term will have earned their federal funds.

- **Federal Aid:** 60% of the term
- **State Aid:** 35% of the term

HELPFUL TIPS

- FAFSAs **must be renewed annually** (*October 1st*).
- Complete and submit all requested documents by the **PRIORITY DEADLINE of July 1st**.
- You may **repeat** a previously passed course (*grade of "D" or better*) one additional time for a better grade.
- Incomplete "I" grades are treated as a "F" grade.
- **Be prepared** to present your Student ID/government issued ID when inquiring about your financial aid.
- **Stay informed!** Visit our website, log into your student Self-Service portal, check your email, and follow us on social media.
- **Stay in class!** Attend all classes and consult with us if you need to withdraw or stop attending classes.
- Contact your assigned Financial Aid Specialist for any questions. We can't help if we don't KNOW your circumstances.

OTHER RESOURCES

RCC Student Self-Service Portal - Log into your student Self-Service portal and click on "My Documents" from the menu option to view a list of requested documents. Students can also view their awards, charges, refunds, course schedules, etc. <https://selfservice.robeson.edu/>

RCC E-Forms - Complete and upload your documents electronically via the secure E-Forms portal (*upload attachments, images, documents*)

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) - Assists students with education planning, career planning, and applying and paying for college. www.cfnc.org

Veterans Benefits - The official website for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. To learn more about your benefits, visit www.gibill.va.gov

FastWeb - Is one of the best online scholarship tools and services to use when browsing for and applying for any scholarships. www.fastweb.com/

College Board - Find scholarships, other financial aid, and internships. www.collegeboard.org

Scholarships.com - Lists informing students of the latest scholarships that are available to them that may be of interest. www.scholarships.com/

WIOA Services - A program aimed at addressing the employment & training needs of adults and dislocated workers. Provides education support services. www.twohawk.net

Voc Rehab - A program aimed at addressing the employment & training needs of adults and dislocated workers. Provides education support services. www.ncdhhs.gov

S.E.A.T.S - Purchase South East Area Transit Systems tickets through the bookstore using your financial aid funds.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 8:00am-6:00pm

Fri: 8:00am-3:00pm

**Summer hours may differ*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Campus Location: Student Center, Building 13
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