

FINANCIAL AID 101

HOW TO APPLY

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

TYPES OF AID

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity
- Federal Work Study
- North Carolina Community College Grant
- North Carolina Educational Lottery Grant
- RCC Foundation Scholarships
- State Scholarships
- Other Scholarships
- Veteran's Educational Benefits

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 Census Date".

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 available for pick up from Building 2.

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.

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 Community College Grant*- up to ten full-time academic semesters
- *North Carolina Education Lottery Grant* - up to ten full-time academic semesters
- *Remedial 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.

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**.
- 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.

OTHER RESOURCES

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.ncdhs.gov

EOC Program – Provides free educational, financial aid, and career counseling assistance. *Visit RCC's Financial Aid Office to speak to an EOC Counselor.*

S.E.A.T.S – Purchase South East Area Transit Systems tickets through the bookstore using your financial aid funds. www.roberson.edu/singlestop/

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 8:00am-6:00pm
Fri: 8:00am-3:00pm
**Summer hours may differ*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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