

# How To Become A



**You have options! You can choose any or all of the following:**

- **Come to our “Be A Nighthawk” Event on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 5:30pm**
  - **Attend a recruitment session at your school**
  - **Pick up and complete an application**

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**If selected, you will be contacted for a student and parent interview during March**



**Students will receive final notification decision on or before  
March 31, 2025.**

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## Bladen Early College High School 2025-2026 Application

The application process for Bladen Early College High School includes two stages. The first, and most comprehensive, is the application to Bladen Early College High School and the second stage will be the interview process. Applicants and Parents will be interviewed by a team of Bladen Early College students and staff.

Application for admission to Bladen Early College High School is open to 2025-2026 rising freshmen and rising sophomores.

Application packets will be available in paper and online formats beginning **February 2, 2025**. Our **“Be A Nighthawk”** event will be **Thursday, February 20 at 5:30pm**.

Students will submit their completed applications to Susan Cheshire at [hscheshire@bladen.k12.nc.us](mailto:hscheshire@bladen.k12.nc.us) or mail them to Bladen Early College High School at 7418 NC Hwy 41 West Box 31 Dublin, NC 28332. **Applications must be postmarked or received by February 28, 2025.**

Applicants will be selected and notified of their acceptance by **March 31, 2025**.

Accepted applicants must notify the office of their commitment to attend the Early College by **April 30, 2025**.

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### Application Checklist:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Principal Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Self-Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Interview - if selected
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Interview - if selected

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### Bladen Early College High School Application for Acceptance for Fall SY 2025-2026

The undersigned student is applying for acceptance to Bladen Early College High School (BECHS) and agrees to abide by the rules and expectations set by Bladen Community College and the administrators, counselors, and teachers of the Early College program. The only withdrawal period is at the end of the academic semester according to the Early College calendar without any outstanding indebtedness to the school or library. If at the end of the first year, a BECHS student is unable or unwilling to continue studies at Bladen Early College High School, he/she will be reassigned to the high school in his/her attendance zone. Bladen Early College students must adhere to both the community college and school system policies.

By signing and submitting this application, the parent/legal guardian and student indicate understanding of the conditions of the early college policies that apply to the student's enrollment. Behavior or attendance problems will be sufficient cause to be withdrawn from the early college.

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I identify as:

Asian

Hispanic/Latino

Pacific Islander

Black/African

Multiple Races

Prefer Not to Answer

Native American

Caucasian

How did you hear about Bladen Early College?

Do you have a sibling that has graduated from or currently attending Bladen Early College? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Student Resides with: \_\_\_ Both Parents \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Other Relative  
\_\_\_ Legal Guardian \_\_\_ Emancipated Minor

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian #1's place of work:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Guardian #2's place of work:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If homeschooled, what curriculum is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current resident of Bladen County? (Not a requirement for enrollment) \_\_\_\_\_

*Check the appropriate box:*

The highest grade **Guardian 1** completed:

Did not complete high school or GED equivalency	
High school graduate	
Attended college but did not receive a college degree	
Has a college degree from community college	
Has a college degree or beyond from a University	

*Check the appropriate box:*

The highest grade **Guardian 2** completed:

Did not complete high school or GED equivalency	
High school graduate	
Attended college but did not receive a college degree	
Has a college degree from community college	
Has a college degree or beyond from a University	

**PARENT(S) /LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE REQUIRED TO PROCESS**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Information Release Authorization

I, (name of student)\_\_\_\_\_ authorize Bladen Community College and/or Bladen County Schools to release information contained in my student record to the individuals or organization(s) listed below and only under the conditions stipulated:

1. Name of person(s) or organizations(s) and address to whom disclosure is to be made:

**Bladen Early College High School Administration 7418 NC Highway 41 West Dublin, NC 28332**

2. Type of information to be disclosed:

All information which may include but is not limited to college records, schedules, grades, attendance, faculty communications, transcripts, and academic plans.

3. The purpose for disclosure of information:

To allow Bladen Early College High School to provide the appropriate support services.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\*Unless otherwise requested, this authorization ends upon your withdrawal or graduation from Bladen Early College High School.*

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### **Student Self-Referral - REQUIRED**

**due to Bladen Early College by February 28, 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

***At Bladen Early College we look for students that fit at least one of the following criteria: first generation students, at-risk students that would benefit from additional support, or students that would benefit from an accelerated program.***

***Please complete the section(s) below that best describe you.***

#### **First Generation Graduate**

I would be the first person in my family to have a high school diploma.

I would be the first in my family to have a college degree (associate or bachelors).

Neither

***Students who would benefit from additional support and targeted interventions.*** Please indicate reasons for wishing to attend Bladen Early College High School.

#### **Choose all that apply.**

Been retained (held back) one or more years in school

Been absent frequently from school

Been late to school frequently

Feel like you do not fit in at school

Failed 2 or more subjects last year

Had difficulty understanding Math

Had difficulty understanding Science concepts

Had difficulty understanding History

Had difficulty Reading or understanding what has been read

Have little or no interest in school

None of the above

***Students who would benefit from accelerated learning opportunities.*** Please indicate reasons for wishing to attend Bladen Early College High School.

#### **Choose all that apply.**

You feel bored in school.

ALL homework is completed on the bus or before getting home.

No need to study, but you get good grades on class tests (80 or higher)

Receives high standardized test scores (EOGs, EOCs and other state testing)

Genuinely curious and enjoys learning Math and/or Science class material

Genuinely curious and enjoys learning English and/or History class material

Feels school is easy and has no trouble being successful

None of the above

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**What are your career goals?**

**Describe your most positive school experience.**

**Describe your most negative school experience.**

**How would your teachers describe you as a student?**

**Did you miss more than 5 days of school this school year? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No**

**If yes, please explain why.**

**What do you consider to be your academic weaknesses and what strategies do you use to address and overcome them?**

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**Please share any additional information about your family and/or your life experiences that would help us to know you better.**

**Please indicate which program(s) you would be most interested in at Bladen Community College.**

College Transfer (want to attend a 4 year university)

Agribusiness Technology

Welding Technology

Industrial Systems Technology (Carpentry, Plumbing)

Electrical Systems Technology

HVAC (Heating and Air Systems)

Business Technology (Accounting, Medical Office)

Nursing

Cosmetology

Criminal Justice

Teacher Preparatory Program

Culinary Arts

Computer Information Technology (computer programming, gaming and computer simulation, web design)

Paramedic

Other \_\_\_\_\_



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**School Counselor Recommendation - *REQUIRED***  
**due to Bladen Early College by February 28, 2025**

\*\*\*\*\*Student initials indicate that they have waived the right to view this document. \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\*\*\*

Recommendation can be emailed to [hscheshire@bladen.k12.nc.us](mailto:hscheshire@bladen.k12.nc.us)

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Traditional High School applicant would be assigned to for the 2025-26 school year:**

East Bladen High School

West Bladen High School

Other

**Is this student identified as AIG?**

Yes

No

**Does this student currently receive ML services?**

Yes; Accommodations provided? \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Is this student identified as EC?**

Yes; what exceptionality? \_\_\_\_\_

current level of service \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Does this student have a current 504 plan?**

Yes; reason? \_\_\_\_\_

accommodations provided? \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Is this student currently receiving mental health services?**

Yes; provider? \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Has this student had discipline referrals for this school year?**

Yes; please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

No

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Is this student on the School Social Worker's case load?

Yes; please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

No

Please provide the number of absences for this student during this school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the number of absences during the 23-24 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

This student is currently enrolled in the following courses for high school credit:

Math 1

English 1

World History

Earth and Environmental Science

Please provide the EOG test levels for 7th grade for this applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Math      \_\_\_\_\_ Reading

Based on the Early College Model, which of the following choices makes this candidate a good fit for Bladen Early College.

First generation graduate

At - risk for not graduating high school

Would benefit from an accelerated program of study

Please provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful in the consideration of this applicant.

**\*\*\*Please include a printed transcript for this student.\*\*\***

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**School Teacher Recommendation - *REQUIRED*, due to Bladen Early College by February 28, 2025**

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Recommendation may be emailed to [hscheshire@bladen.k12.nc.us](mailto:hscheshire@bladen.k12.nc.us).

Bladen Early College High School has a rigorous college preparatory program curriculum. We are looking for well-rounded, hard-working students who can handle the course load of completing a high school diploma and an associate's degree or trade program in four years. You were selected to serve as a recommender for a student. Please complete the form below. The information you share will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's performance record. We appreciate your cooperation and candor.

Teacher email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Qualities: Please choose one descriptor for each academic quality.**

- **Study Habits**
  - Below Average
  - Average
  - Above Average
  - Excellent
- **Ability to Work Independently**
  - Below Average
  - Average
  - Above Average
  - Excellent
- **Internal Motivation**
  - Below Average
  - Average
  - Above Average
  - Excellent
- **Time Management Skills**
  - Below Average
  - Average
  - Above Average
  - Excellent

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- **Classroom Conduct**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

**Personal Qualities:** Please choose one descriptor for each personal quality.

- **Academic Commitment**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Creativity**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Self-Confidence**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Leadership Potential**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Ability to accept Feedback**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Concern for Others**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

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- **Personal Conduct**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Personal Integrity**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Level of Maturity**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

- **Sense of Humor**

Below Average  
Average  
Above Average  
Excellent

**Based on the Early College Model, which of the following choices makes this candidate a good fit for Bladen Early College.**

First generation graduate  
At - risk for not graduating high school  
Would benefit from an accelerated program of study

**Please share anything else you can about your knowledge of this student that may help us in the selection process.**

**Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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***School Principal Recommendation - REQUIRED  
due to Bladen Early College by February 28, 2025***

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Based on the Early College Model, which of the following choices makes this candidate a good fit for Bladen Early College.**

- First generation graduate
- At - risk for not graduating high school
- Would benefit from an accelerated program of study

**Has this candidate been referred to you for disciplinary action?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain the circumstances and the consequences:

**Have you had the opportunity to observe this student in a classroom setting?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, what information could you provide that would be helpful in our decision making process?

**Is there any additional information that you would like to provide about this student or their parents that would help us make a decision?**

**Principal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_