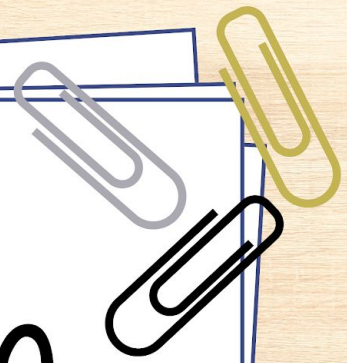


NAVIGATING NC RDS

Residency Determination Service



What is NC RDS and why is it important?

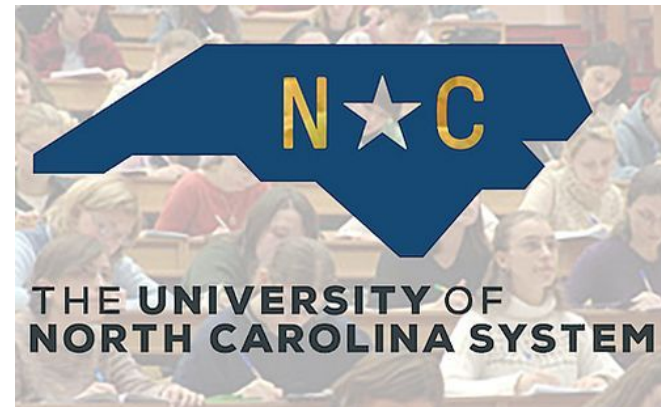
- NC RDS is a **service used** by the State of North Carolina, **to determine your eligibility for in-state tuition and state grant awards.**
- You will use your **CFNC.org** account to **apply for NC RDS.**
- RDS is **important** because it can **save you a TON of money** on college **tuition!**



Who Needs to fill out NC RDS?

Students who are applying to...

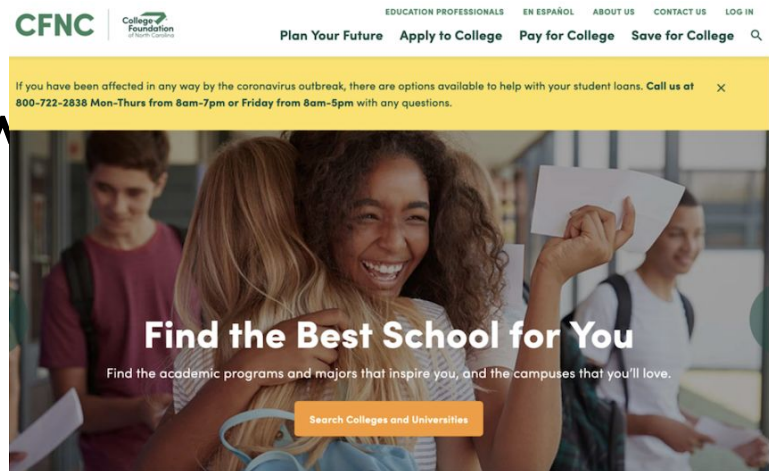
- NC Public Universities
- NC Community Colleges
- NC Independent Universities who intend to apply for State grants



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM**

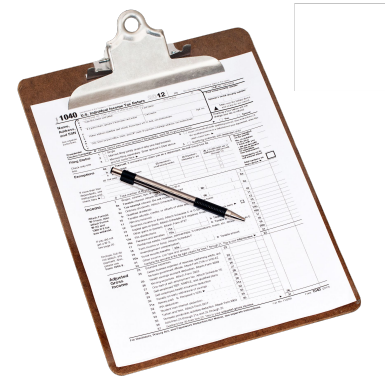
STEP 1: Navigate to CFNC.ORG

- **NC RDS** is a service through **CFNC.org**. Your **login information** will be the same.
- If you already have a CFNC account, **DO NOT** create a new account for RDS.



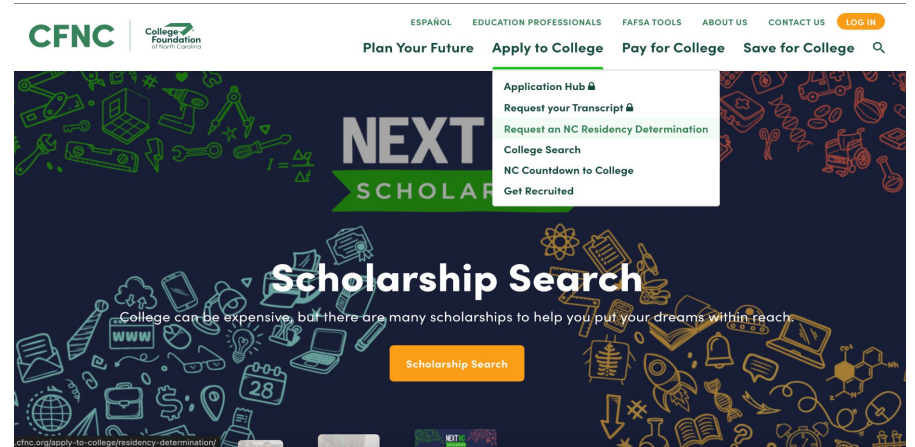
STEP 2: Gather Documents/Other Information

- Student SSN
- Parent/Guardian's SSN
- Parent/Guardian's birthdate
- Student-filed Federal Taxes (if applicable)
- Parent/Guardian-filed Federal Taxes
- Student-filed State Taxes (if applicable)
- Parent/Guardian-filed State Taxes
- Address or Permanent Residence
- Student Driver's License (if applicable)
- Parent/Guardian's Driver's License (if applicable)
- Military Information (if applicable)
- US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Documentation



STEP 3: Navigate to NC RDS

- On **CFNC.org**, hover over **“Apply to College”** at the top and click **“Request an NC Residency Determination”**.
- After you click this, scroll down and **click the link** that says **“NC Residency Determination Service”**.



STEP 4: Complete the Form

- Read the form instructions **carefully**
- **Agree** to the **Consent** and **Authorization**
- Fill out the Profile Information section
- Continue to the Student Information section
- Continue to the Parent/Guardian's information section

IMPORTANT: **DO NOT** leave anything blank & make sure everything is accurate. **Incomplete** or **inaccurate** information may result in an "**Out-of-State**" **Determination**.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR HELP! :)



Residency Certification Number (RCN)

- Upon **completion** of the **NC RDS** form process, you will be **presented with an RCN** or Residency Confirmation Number.
- I recommend you **take note** of this number, however, **RDS will save** it as well.
- **Colleges** and **Universities** that you apply to will **ask for this number** in order **to determine** your **tuition status**.

Your Residency Certification Number (RCN) is **1111111111**

[\(Click to know more about RCN\)](#)

CURRENT REQUEST (EXPIRES)

ARE YOU A NORTH
CAROLINA
RESIDENT ?

YES

[\(Click to know more\)](#)

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE
FOR IN-STATE
TUITION ?

YES

[\(Click to know more\)](#)

HAS MY
INFORMATION
BEEN VALIDATED ?

YES

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