CAPE FEAR ACADEMY

Cape Fear Academy partners with Clarity to process financial aid applications. Clarity offers many online resources to help guide you through the application process. The application typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete and is mobile-friendly.

STEP 1: Review the Clarity Quick Reference Guide and/or the Clarity Family Application Guide to help prepare for the online application.

STEP 2: "Sign up" for a Clarity account (or "sign in" to an existing Clarity account). Be sure to write down your login information so you can return to the application at a later time.

STEP 3: Follow the application prompts starting with household and applicant information and select **Cape Fear Academy** as the school to which you are applying.

STEP 4: Sign and submit the tax verification form to give Clarity permission to pull your prior year tax returns directly from the IRS (so you do not have to upload the documents yourself). More information can be found on the Tax Verification Guide. If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.

STEP 5: Complete your financial information, including income, expenses, assets, and debts.

STEP 6: Pay the nonrefundable $65 application fee and submit the application. The application will not be "submitted" until the fee is paid.

STEP 7: Return to the Clarity dashboard and check the "Documents Request" panel to see if there are additional documents that you need to upload.

The earliest deadline for completing the financial aid application is **February 1st for current families and March 1st for new families**. Awards are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis after the initial deadline has passed.

Families must also apply to the **North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship Program** to help offset tuition costs. Please apply directly: **NCSEAA Opportunity Scholarship Application**.

Clarity offers in-app support throughout the application, and you can contact Clarity directly if you have additional questions (support@clarityapp.com, 206-210-3752) .

Questions about Cape Fear Academy's financial aid process or your personal financial situation should be directed to Lindsey Boden, Director of Enrollment (lindsey.boden@capefearacademy.org, 910-218-7190).