

Wake Tech Application Checklist 2025-26


These steps are tailored to students applying in-state.

- **Create a CFNC Account**
 - <https://www.cfnc.org/>
 - You can apply directly via Wake Tech's website, but CFNC is easier.
 - Be sure to use your personal (and appropriate) email address, not your school email address
- **Complete Residency Determination Service (RDS)**
 - When logged into CFNC, hover over Apply to College and click '[Request and NC Residency Determination](#)'
 - This gets you in-state tuition if you have lived in NC more than 12 months.
 - Parents/guardians need to be involved in this step, as it requires a good amount of parent information.
 - IF IT KICKS BACK OUT-OF-STATE, tell your counselor ASAP
- **Apply to Wake Tech**
 - Hover over Apply to College and click '[Application Hub](#)'
 - Click 'Start an Application' on the right
 - Type Wake Tech in the search - Wake Technical Community College will come up
 - Select the application from the drop down menu and click 'Apply'
- **For students planning to transfer to a 4 year university**
 - You need to make sure you select one of the University Transfer degrees
 - Under the Enrollment Information Tab when you select your entrance status (Freshman) and term, it will prompt you to select your intended major.
 - There are two main transfer degrees: Associates in Science and Associates of Arts. This should align with your 4 year career goals (i.e. if your intended Bachelors is a Bachelors of Science, pick Associates of Science.) If you end up changing your major, that's okay!

Please select a Career Field: *

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Communication, Social Sciences, Art and Humanities



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Associate in Arts University Transfer



- **Send Transcripts**
 - When you are done with your application, it should prompt you to send your transcript.
 - If you forget, or need to do it again, hover over Apply to College and click 'Request a Transcript'.
 - You also send the final transcript via CFNC after you've graduated.
- **Guaranteed Transfer Programs**
 - Wake Tech has several universities that guarantee admission after you complete your Associate in Science or Arts. [You can find them here.](#)
 - Deadlines vary – some universities require you to apply BEFORE you start your Associates program but some require you to apply AFTER you begin.

Paying for College

- **FAFSA**
 - **Create an FSA ID**
 - <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
 - Create an FSA ID before FAFSA is open so that you can apply to FAFSA when it does open.
 - This is just an account to verify identity.
- **Complete the FAFSA**
 - [Free Application for Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) is an important step to qualify for grants, loans, and scholarships.
 - Remember, you'll do the FAFSA each year of college, not just once.
 - [FAFSA Quick Guide](#)
 - FAFSA Advisor: VSHARPE@WCPSS.NET
- **Apply for scholarships**
 - <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/>
 - <https://www.fastweb.com/>
 - <https://www.ncseaa.edu/>
 - <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
 - <https://www.scholarships.com/>

- There are more databases out there, these are just a few! Scholarship applications should always be free, do not pay to apply for a scholarship!
- [Local scholarships](#) usually open after winter break

Misc:

- **Cap & Gown**

- Order through [Jostens](#)
- You also order your yearbook here
- At minimum to walk at graduation, you need: cap, gown, tassel
- [Basic package](#)
- If you have a cap & gown already (from a sibling, friend, etc) and just need a tassel, you can see Ms. Young. They're \$15.

- **Need career/major advice?**

- Not sure what to major in at college? Email Ms. Murray: cmurray@wcpss.net

- **Important Dates**

- October 31st Cap and Gown Order Deadline for Mid-Year Grads
- January 22th, 6pm Mid Year Graduation Ceremony – Auditorium
- March & April TBD Cap and Gown Distribution
- April 17th, 8pm Prom
- April 29th, 9am Senior Assembly
- May 22nd, 9am Class of 2026 Awards Ceremony
- May 22nd, Noon Class of 2026 Picnic
- TBD Baccalaureate Service
- June 1st all Senior Fees must be paid
- June 13th, 8pm Graduation Ceremony – Raleigh