

In FAFSA news...

The DoE began processing FAFSAs in March and some students have received their FAFSA Submission Summaries, but have not yet been able to make needed corrections. With all the changes regarding FAFSA, once helpful site is news, updates, and resources on NASFAA (National Assoc. of Financial Aid Administrators). Here is their latest update:

ED Releases Details on Reprocessing ISIRs, FAFSA Student Corrections

Important Process for students who select "Yes" to question 7 on the FAFSA form (Student Unusual Circumstances)

The student will receive a provisional status as an independent student as well as a provisional SAI calculation; however, the record will still be rejected, pending further action from the student's financial aid office.

- 1. The financial aid office will reach out and work with the student to determine if they qualify for a professional judgment (student can reach out to FAO)
- 2. If the student qualifies, the financial aid administrator will submit the professional judgment to FSA.
- 3. If approved, the student's status changes from "provisionally independent" to "independent," and their SAI calculation is no longer considered provisional.
- 4. At that time, a new ISIR will be generated, and financial aid offers will be created based on the the confirmed, correct SAI.

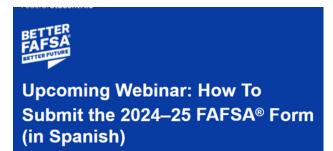
If a student IS NOT determined to be an independent student, the student will need to log back in to StudentAid.gov and complete the FAFSA as a dependent student, which will generate a new ISIR and a financial aid offer will be created.



The Finish the FAFSA Report is live! Since FSA is continuously releasing records, log in to check the report frequently as more student information becomes available on the report.



Spanish Services - some opportunities and resources





How To Submit the 2024-25 FAFSA® Form webinar in Spanish with English subtitles

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 8 p.m. Eastern time. REGISTRATION PAGE (in Spanish)

¡Pongámonos las Pilas!: Cómo pagar la Universidad

A free workshop facilitated by CFNC for any Spanish- speaking families interested in knowing how to pay for college.

In this workshop we will talk about the NC Residency Determination process, what students and parents need to complete the Better FAFSA application, and different scholarships that are available to students.

Registration

Recent Reading

EdNC Article about HispanicServing Institutions in NC



A guide with resources and recommendations for supporting Latinx students.

Also of note is that in addition to our established Hispanic Serving Institutions in NC, there are quite a few NCCCS with an aspiring designation of Hispanic Serving Institutions in the state (according to the latest report from AVANZA), including **AB Tech!**

Also CVCC, Central Carolina, Central Piedmont, Durham Tech, Fayetteville Tech, Johnston, Lenoir, Montgomery, and Randolph Community Colleges.









Western Regional Health Careers Education Conference and Expo

MAHEC's Center for Health Professions Education is partnering with Southwestern Community College to present the first Western Regional Health Careers Education Conference and Expo!

The focus of this event continues to be on developing a coordinated effort to heighten knowledge, increase exposure to health careers, and improve workforce diversity in the region. This experience will provide students with practical information needed to make informed decisions in choosing a future path in the health professions.

We invite high school students, educators, school counselors, school board members, administrators, healthcare professionals, parents, youth program advocates, and community leaders to attend. Please share this opportunity with anyone you think may be interested in participating!

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Steppingstones Toward Your Future

- Amy Banner, Southwestern Community College Nursing Program Director

Career Counseling: Getting There from Here

Michael Despeaux, Southwestern Community College

'Mo Money, 'Mo Money: Preparing to Fund your Future

- Devon McCarthy-James, WNC Representative of the College Foundation of NC

Understanding of Health Inequities in Rural Communities

 Leslie Council, Director of Health Careers & Diversity Education, MAHEC,
 & Francisco Castelblanco, AHEC Director & Chair of Continuing Professional Development, MAHEC

DATE

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

TIME

8:30 am-2:00 pm

LOCATION

Southwestern Community College 447 College Drive Sylva, NC 28779

Student Registration



Teacher/ Chaperone Registration





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Countdown to College Month 2024



As you mark your calendar, you may note that we're extending College Application Week!

Students will now have more time to get in those free apps - CAW will start on Monday, 10/21 at 7:30am

& end at 11:59 on Sunday October 27

Spring College Fair - Virtual Option



Registration is now open for the Spring NACAC Virtual College Fair. Sunday, April 21st from 1:00pm to 6:00pm ET.

The virtual fair provides a wonderful chance to connect with hundreds of schools and universities, all from the comfort of your home, and 100% free!

Register



Professional Development Opportunities



Upcoming Virtual Coffee Break

May 8th: Unhoused & Homeless Student Needs in Postsecondary School featuring a guest from the NC Homeless Education Program

Register at CFNC.org/events



Do you need CEU's? Register for these!!

