

PREPARING TO APPLY TO COLLEGE



Do Your Research

- Find out which colleges offer your major. If you don't know your major, take an inventory at www.cfnc.org.
- Research where you want to live (attend college) for four years. Large or small? Mountains or coast?
- Begin to narrow down your choices. It is expensive to apply to college.
- Find out specific information regarding the colleges you are considering (size, teacher/student ratio, admissions requirements)

Get Ahead of the Game

- If applying to N.C. colleges, go ahead and create your CFNC account.
- Do a resume' of high school activities since 9th grade.
- Ensure your email is appropriate to share with colleges.
- Be sure social media accounts are appropriate.
- Begin planning college application essays.
- Think about which teachers would write good recommendations for you.

Have a Conversation

- Students and parents need to have an honest talk about finances and college expenses. If you are considering college out of state, think about travel expenses and transportation as well.
- Do you both have the same expectations for where you will apply/attend?
- Listen to each other's concerns and reasons.