NORTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE:

Unlock Opportunities at North Carolina's Private Colleges and Universities!

Are you a North Carolina high school senior with a 2.8 (weighted) GPA or above?

You are already on the path to success through Direct Admission to college, and we want to help you soar even higher. Confirm your acceptance and you will be on your way!

NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PARTICIPATING IN DIRECT ADMISSION

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Bennett College ⌘ +
Catawba College
Chowan University
Gardner-Webb University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Johnson C. Smith University +

Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Livingstone College +
Louisburg College ♦
Mars Hill University
Meredith College ⌘
Methodist University
Montreat College
North Carolina Wesleyan University

Pfeiffer University
Saint Augustine's University +
Shaw University +
St. Andrews University
University of Mount Olive
Warren Wilson College
William Peace University
Wingate University

⌘ Admission Limited to Women

+ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), welcoming applicants of all races/ethnicities

♦ 2-year College

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS SUPPORT THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS

$1.3 Billion	$91.1 Million	$92.7 Million
in institutional financial aid awarded!	awarded in 2023-2024 in North Carolina Need-Based Scholarships	Pell aid distributed in 2022-2023
		47% of all North Carolina students at NCICU campuses receive federal Pell Grants

1 Answer a few questions about yourself on the form below

2 Select the colleges to apply & click the SUBMIT YOUR APP button

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM FOR DIRECT ADMISSION

September 4, 2024

A. Hope Williams
President

Dear District Superintendents and High School Principals,

North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities (NCICU) is excited to announce the NCICU DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM for North Carolina High School seniors with a 2.8 or higher weighted GPA! I am writing on behalf of NCICU to ask you to help us reach these students so they can confirm their acceptance among the 26 NCICU campuses in this program.

Students can visit **www.ncicu.org** to complete a streamlined application in as little as 5 minutes with no application fee. By answering a few questions, students will hear from each of the participating colleges and universities that they have selected, with information about individual campus requirements, their conditional acceptance, and the availability of financial aid.

The Superintendent of the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCPDI) has refused to allow NCICU to send letters through NCDPI to eligible students about their direct admission to these 26 private, non-profit colleges and universities, as she is doing for a pilot with all the community colleges and 6 public universities. She has stated that, "It is our thought that a separate letter from NCICU will confuse students and parents and therefore affect the potential for a successful pilot."

NCICU strongly disagrees that letting 70,000 students know of their direct admission into 26 additional colleges and universities could be considered confusing. We believe having more acceptances to college will help students find their "right fit" and will also contribute to meeting the state's myFutureNC educational attainment goal.

Therefore, we are asking for and depending upon your assistance to inform eligible students about this new program and these tremendous college acceptances. Thank you for your help!

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to remind your students to seize the opportunities presented by the **North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship, Federal Pell Grants, and significant Institutional Aid** available at NCICU campuses. By prioritizing the completion of their FAFSA, students can unlock essential resources to pave the way for success in college!

Since the COVID pandemic, the percentage of North Carolina high school graduates enrolling in higher education has declined. We are committed to making college more accessible and affordable for North Carolina students and families - to increase their quality of life and to help increase educational attainment and economic development in our state. Please see the 26 participating institutions below and let me know if you have any questions.

Barton College	Guilford College	Meredith College	St. Andrews University
Belmont Abbey College	Johnson C. Smith University	Methodist University	Saint Augustine's University
Bennett College	Lees-McRae College	Montreat College	University of Mount Olive
Catawba College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	NC Wesleyan University	Warren Wilson College
Chowan University	Livingstone College	Pfeiffer University	William Peace University
Gardner-Webb University	Louisburg College	Shaw University	Wingate University
Greensboro College	Mars Hill University		

Sincerely,

A. Hope Williams