

Step 1 Apply to College

COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

WHAT IS COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH?
College Application Month is STEP I of a two-step process in order to remove the barriers to post-secondary access.

College Application Days are completely FREE and are held on a week day in high schools during September through November statewide. During these events, students are assisted with the college application process. The goal of College Application Month is to provide a forum for all South Carolina seniors to successfully complete and submit college applications.

College Application Month ... Coming this FALL to a high school near you!

Checklist of items NEEDED from the student in order to successfully complete and submit college applications during a College Application Day event:

- ☐ Completed College Application Worksheets (located in the student Resource Guide)
- ☐ USB drive with uploaded essays or personal statements (if applicable)
- ☐ Credit card information for college application fees (or request fee waiver information from you school counselor)



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For additional College Application Month materials, please visit:

www.sccango.org

Step 2 Apply for Financial Aid

Filling out the free FAFSA ...
we're making it EASY!



FAFSA First is an annual event during the months of October through March which helps students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA is the single most important financial aid form you will complete as you apply to college.

Also, the FAFSA can be a prerequisite for qualifying for private awards. In addition to receiving professional financial aid assistance in completing the FAFSA at the FAFSA First event, students are also provided information on state scholarship programs, as well as information about the state's two and four year higher education institutions.

Coming in October

www.che.sc.gov/sccango

(The website will continue to be updated with new locations.)

Checklist of items NEEDED from the student and the parent (s)/guardian(s) in order to successfully complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during a FAFSA First event*:

- ☐ Social Security Number ☐ Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- ☐ Most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned**
- ☐ Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- ☐ Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- ☐ Federal Student Aid PIN to sign electronically (if you do not already have one, visit www.pin.ed.gov)

*If you are not a dependent student, you do not need the listed items from your parent(s)/guardian(s).

**You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

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