

**Important Financial Aid Info**

If you need help paying for college, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your starting point to applying to most student financial assistance programs, including federal, state, and campus-based aid.

Step 1: Get a Social Security Number (SSN).

If you submit the FAFSA without a SSN, your application will not be processed. To apply for a SSN, visit Social Security Online, www.ssa.gov.

Step 2: Request a PIN.

If you plan to submit your FAFSA online, you (and one of your parents) can request a PIN at the US Department of Education pin registration website, www.pin.ed.gov.

Step 3: Complete the FAFSA on the Internet.

To access FAFSA on the web, visit www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Apply as soon as you can after January 1, because funding is awarded on a first-come, first serve basis.

Step 4: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).

Your SAR summarizes the data you reported on your FAFSA. When you receive your SAR, carefully review it line by line. Make corrections or changes, if necessary. If your FAFSA information is complete, an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is printed in the upper-right-hand corner. Schools you listed on the FAFSA will receive electronic copies of your SAR.

Step 5: Determine if you need to verify your FAFSA information, *At least 30% of submitted FAFSAs are selected for verification. If you've been selected, an asterisk (*) will appear after your EFC number. When submitting tax returns and other documentations, follow instructions*

Financial Aid Nights - Greenville County Schools will sponsor four separate Financial Aid Nights for our students and families. This year's workshops will follow the following schedule:

- February 3, Eastside High School
- February 10, Woodmont High School
- February 17, Greenville High School
- February 24, Travelers Rest High School

Each meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. We will plan to conclude formal presentations by 8:00 PM with Q&A following. Financial Aid Officers will present current information and strategies for successfully completing the financial aid process

College Goal Sunday on Saturday, Mar 5

Mark your calendars and make sure your students and parents are aware of this opportunity. Many parents are afraid of the FAFSA. They have heard horror stories about how hard it is to complete or maybe they remember the complexity from when they attended college. On Mar 5, financial aid experts from South Carolina's colleges will be available at sites across the state to provide information and more importantly to provide 'hands on' help with the actual completion of the form. These professionals will sit down with students and parents and ensure the form is accurately completed and submitted. A complete list of locations is available at www.collegegoalsundaysc.org.

Open Houses

Morris College Visitation Day Feb 9 Contact admissions to register. You must provide your own transportation.

Winthrop University Preview Days Feb 5, Apr 16

First Look Friday-College of Education Jan 14, College of Visual & Performing Arts-Feb 18, and All Academic Areas-Mar 4, and College of Arts, Sciences, & Honors Program Apr 22

Anderson University Visual and Performing Arts Preview Jan 27-28 To learn more or register, visit www.andersonuniversity.edu or call 864-231-5780 or 800-542-3594

CAT Dealer Academy The Dealer Academy is 2 Year Diesel Technology Program through Florence Darlington Technical College. It came about by a Partnership between 3 CAT Dealers of North and South Carolina and FDTC to train quality Diesel Technicians for our Dealerships. I am a Representative from Blanchard Machinery the South Carolina CAT dealer. Here are some more details about the program:

- 2 year program with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science

- Internship based with a job at Blanchard the whole time you are going to school.
- FDTC is a South Carolina school so Lottery Money and Life Scholarship can be used for tuition
- Currently Tuition is \$1711 a semester a lot cheaper than most other Diesel Schools.
- Blanchard has 2 apartments on lease for students to stay in while going to school. Students pay around \$285 a month to stay only while attending school.
- 5 Semesters long with each semester consisting of 8 weeks at school and 8 weeks at work. Students get paid hourly while working.
- Tuition is reimbursed 1/3 a year for the first 3 years of working after graduation
- Tool box is provided to the students to use while at school and work. Price is reduced 1/3 a year for first 3 years of working after graduation. Students only pay 50 dollars for their toolbox and tools after 3 years of work. See your counselor for a brochure or additional info.

Anderson University Provost's Academic scholarship 3.0 GPA, Act 19/SAT 900 or higher
 You may qualify for an additional First Choice \$1000 Rouse Scholarship. Deadline Feb 1 to apply and submit the required materials for consideration of the \$1000 Scholarship

Anderson University also has scholarships for Music. To register for a scholarship competition, visit www.andersonuniversity.edu/visitmusic or call 864-231-5789 or 800-542-3594 **Audition dates are Jan 28 and Feb 18**

J.E. Sirrinc Scholarship Graduating from Greenville County high school, Rank in Class, SAT or ACT scores (test scores not required if you enrolling in a technical school for non-college transfer program), and financial need
 Deadline: **All materials must be postmarked by Apr 15, late materials will not be accepted.** Applications available in the guidance office.

The James F. Byrnes Foundation Scholarship Program

\$3250 renewable scholarship contingent upon recipient's maintenance of satisfactory academic standing. Students must have one or both parents deceased, be a SC resident and a US citizen, plan to pursue a bachelors degree at an accredited university/college. Student must also demonstrate excellence in character and ability and must have a satisfactory academic record and financial need. Visit www.byrnesscholars.org to obtain an application packet.
Applications must be submitted by Feb 9.

Grady-Rayam Sacred Music Competition \$3000 Scholarship and a cash prize of \$300

Academically qualified Sr of Afro-ethnic descent, US citizen attending high school in Greenville Cty. Individuals who are currently with musical or theatrical professional management are not eligible. Each entrant will be required to perform 2 songs, one assigned and one selected. Competition will be held Mar 19 at UNC, Chapel Hill. Entrants must submit a biographical statement on the day of the competition. **Deadline to submit materials is Jan 18.** See your counselor for an ap and more details.

"B. Davis Scholarship" \$1000

The creators of the "[Student Award Search Aid](http://www.studentawardsearch.com)" website are offering a scholarship for 2011.

Please visit our website at <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to read about us and to apply for our scholarship. While you're there, please browse through the rest of the site to learn more about applying for scholarships.

Deadline May 23