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The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) offers FAFSA Day each year as well as online resources at www.cfnc.org.

TYPICAL FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

Typically financial aid awards, for those students who apply on time, are comprised of 55 percent grants, 45 percent loans and 2 percent work-study.

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