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North Carolina's annual campaign to support college access is during the month of October and is named NC Countdown to College. Activities during the month support high school seniors in completing three important college enrollment steps: 1) residency, 2) FAFSA, and 3) applications.

What is traditionally called College Application Week has been extended to two weeks this year: October 19 - 30. During these weeks, many NC colleges and universities waive their application fees.

Students can get information from their school.

Here are the North Carolina colleges that have waived their application fees during the Countdown to College. This information is only valid October 19-30 at 5:00 p.m. All universities will accept need-based College Board, ACT, and NACAC fee waivers (ask your school counselor for details): All community colleges; Barton College; Belmont Abbey College; Bennett College; Brevard College; Campbell University; Catawba College; Chowan University; Davidson College; East Carolina University; Elizabeth City State University; Elon University; Fayetteville State University; Gardner-Webb University; Greensboro College; Guilford College; Johnson C. Smith University; Johnson and Wales; Lees-McRae College; Lenoir-Rhyne University; Livingstone College; Louisburg College; Mars Hill University; Meredith College; Methodist University; Montreat College; North Carolina A&T State University; North Carolina Central University; North Carolina Wesleyan College; Pfeiffer University; Queens University of Charlotte; Saint Augustine's University; Salem College; Shaw University; St. Andrews University; University of Mount Olive; University of North Carolina Asheville; University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Warren Wilson College; Western Carolina University; William Peace University; Wingate University; Winston-Salem State University.

Governor Cooper Announces Applications Open for New Rent and Utility Assistance Program

Governor and health officials urge continued vigilance as certain COVID-19 metrics rise

Governor Roy Cooper has announced that applications are now being accepted for the N.C. Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program, which will assist eligible low- and- moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The new program seeks to promote housing stability during the ongoing pandemic by providing rent and utility assistance to prevent evictions and utility disconnections.

"The spread of coronavirus has affected every aspect of our lives. Many have lost jobs, had work hours cut back or had to care for someone who has become ill with COVID-19," said Governor Roy Cooper. "By creating this program to help with rent and utility bills, we can keep people in their homes where they will be safest during this pandemic."

The HOPE Program will provide \$117 million for rent and utility assistance for renters who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic, have a current household income that is 80 percent of the area median income or lower, and are behind on their rent or utilities when they apply.

Renters who need rent or utility assistance can apply online at nc211.org/hope. Applicants who cannot access the online application can also call 2-1-1 and speak with a program representative, who will assist the caller through the application on the phone. Callers can reach 2-1-1 Monday-Friday between 7 am and 6 pm.

The HOPE Program is funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funds and U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief funds, which have been provided to North Carolina. The funds are administered by the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a division of the Department of Public Safety, and will be distributed through community partner agencies across the state.

Renters can apply for utility assistance, rent assistance or both programs. Rent assistance is paid to the landlord on behalf of the applicant. This includes overdue and future rent payments, for up to six months. At least one month's rent must be overdue at the time of application.

Utility payments will be made directly to the utility provider for up to six months of past due essential utilities, such as electricity, water, sewer/wastewater, natural gas and propane.

For more information about the HOPE Program, visit nc211.org/hope.

Mr. Jerry Lilly would like to thank everybody for the cards,

gifts and support on his 80th

birthday parade celebration. Love and

> **God Bless** Love,

Mr. Jerry Lilly

ELECT JEFFREY (JD) BRICKEN

ANSON COUNTY DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER

FOR ANSONVILLE / BURNSVILLE

THIS ELECTION YEAR IS OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ANSON COUNTY.

I am asking for your vote and looking forward to representing my friends and neighbors.



MY FOCUS IN OFFICE WILL BE ON

- Careers (recruiting businesses)
- · Community Safety and Law Enforcement
 - Improving Infrastructure: Roads, Utilities, Sewage & Water

Your vote can give Anson County the opportunity to provide a future of success for our children and grandchildren.

Federal Wildlife Officer at the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge. I served the US Government for a total of 33 years. During this time, I managed and supervised the following programs:

- 1. Wildlife land management
 - 3. Fire management
- 4. Forest management and timber sales
- 7. Road, levee, water, and
- building construction projects
- 9. Educational programs for local schools
- 10. Grant writing and budget management 11. Partnering with other Federal, State,
- and local governments

In addition to local enforcement and because there were so few Federal Wildlife Officers, I was routinely detailed to provide coverage throughout Region 4 which included 11 southern states and Puerto Rico. I also

I currently own and operate a beef farm and timber tract with my family in Anson County.

provided rescue operations and protection from criminal activity during many Federal Disasters including: Hurricanes Katrina, Irma, Isaac, Wilma and Florence; western wildfires; and the BP Oil Spill.

While managing Pee Dee NWR, I concentrated on stimulating the local economy by always including

Anson County contractors in the bidding process, each year. This effort resulted in keeping several million dollars of government project money right here at home.

- Education

I recently retired as the Refuge Manager and

- 2. Law enforcement
- 5. Cooperative farming programs
- 6. Public hunting and fishing programs

 - 8. Heavy equipment operations and maintenance
 - and colleges

Thank You



LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES & JANITORIAL SERVICES

1) Union County Community Action, Inc. (UCCA) is seeking bids from qualified lawn maintenance contractors to provide services at five (5) Head Start/ Early Head Start locations across Anson, Union, & Richmond counties. Contractors may bid to provide services in one, two, or all three counties.

2) UCCA is also seeking bids from qualified janitorial service contractors for two (2) locations in Union County.

Proposals will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2020. For requirements and procurement

specifications, download a copy of the RFP packet from UCCA's website at www.uccainc.org/procurement.

Interested parties may also contact

Elizabeth Teal, at (980) 699-9115

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