



North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS) Avoid Mistakes on RDS

- Start Early, you **must** do RDS BEFORE applying to college
- DON'T create a NEW account IF you have a CFNC or RDS account already
- READ the instructions
- Don't move TOO fast, take your time, it's important
- Use Correct Identifiers – Name, Date of Birth, & SSN (for you and your parent / legal guardian) MUST BE correct
- Enter Name, Date of Birth, and SSN EXACTLY the same way in RDS AND on your college admission applications
- DO **NOT** SKIP questions
- GIVE ACCURATE answers
- **NEVER** GUESS at answers
- Answer EVERY question
- DO provide your parent/legal guardian information if you are under 24 and dependent
- OR - Give financial information to prove you are INDEPENDENT of parent/legal guardian
- DO submit all required documents
- DO finish your admission application *after* RDS
- DO a Reconsideration or Appeal IF you need to
- DO ask for help, if you need it