



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FIRST IN FAFSA MONTH**

**2022**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has set a statewide goal to increase postsecondary attainment of two million people with a degree or certificate by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring more high school and college students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a critical step in reaching that goal; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina aims to be First in FAFSA and lead all states nationally in FAFSA completion rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide goal for the percentage of high school seniors completing the FAFSA is 80% by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is leaving an estimated \$126 million on the table in Pell Grants for students who did not submit a FAFSA; and

**WHEREAS**, submitting the FAFSA provides North Carolinians with opportunities to access critical financial aid resources to help them pay for college; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of April, all North Carolina high school seniors and current college students are encouraged to join us in making North Carolina First in FAFSA by completing their FAFSA; and

**WHEREAS**, residents are encouraged to support North Carolina high school seniors and college students as they complete the necessary steps to access financial aid resources that will allow them to succeed in postsecondary education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2022, as **"FIRST IN FAFSA MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.