



North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS) TOP MISTAKES ON RDS

1. DON'T start early
2. Create a NEW account, if you have one already
3. Move TOO Fast
4. DON'T read instructions
5. Incorrect Identifiers – Name, Date of Birth, & SSN (for you and your parent / legal guardian) MUST BE correct
6. Enter Name, Date of Birth, and SSN differently in RDS than on your college admission application
7. SKIP questions
8. GIVE INACCURATE answers
9. GUESS at answers
10. DON'T answer questions
11. DON'T give financial information to prove you are INDEPENDENT of parent / legal guardian
12. DON'T provide your parent / legal guardian information (if you are under 24 and dependent)
13. DON'T submit "required" documents
14. DON'T finish your admission application after RDS
15. DON'T do a Reconsideration or Appeal, if you need to
16. DON'T ask for help, if you need it