

# Is There A Santa Claus?

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boundless world about him, as measured by intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Now ask yourself, Do I believe in Santa Claus? If the answer is still no, maybe you need to go back and re-live your childhood and find Santa Claus and keep him in your heart as you grow up. Without Santa Claus and the spirit of giving this would truly be a sad world in which to live.

Kelly Hash Hobbs



# 1991-92 Financial Aid Information

Many financial aid opportunities exist for students to attend Wilkes Community College, but for some reason many eligible students never apply. Some students think that they cannot receive help because of the low tuition costs. Only those that apply for aid can receive assistance. Most students completing the application process actually are approved. Also, the funds received can be used to help students meet costs for housing, food, travel, books, supplies and child care as well as tuition. Students can receive assistance from more than one program to meet their needs.

**What's Available?** Financial programs available through the college include grants, scholarships, part-time employment and loans. See the list below for specific programs offered.

**Who's Eligible?** Awards are made to students based on financial need (living contribution) and academic potential. Also, students not eligible for grants, scholarships, or part-time work usually are eligible for loans.

**How Do You Apply?** Complete a Financial Aid application which is available in the Financial Aid Office. Processing time is approximately 3 weeks.

**Financial Aid Programs Available at Wilkes Community College:**

**Pell Grants** (formerly called Basic Grants) proved "free" money to eligible students based on financial need. For 1991-92 the maximum Pell Grant will be \$1,710 and the minimum Pell Grant will be \$200 per year. Eligible applicants must be working toward a degree or diploma in either technical, college transfer, or vocational programs.

**Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants** are awarded to students based on financial need. Unlike Pell Grants, funding is limited for Supplemental Grants and awards cannot be made to all eligible students. Students are encouraged to apply early. In making awards, preference will be given to full-time students demonstrating financial need.

**Scholarships** are available from many sources to help students meet basic educational costs. Awards are made on the basis of financial need, academic ability and on an emergency basis pending the processing of a student's application for financial aid. The amounts vary from tuition only to full (tuition, fees, books, and supplies) scholarships.

**College Work-Study** provides part-time employment to students demonstrating financial need. Students work on campus in jobs relating to

their major if possible. The current pay rate is \$4.55 per hour with \$1,400 per year maximum.

**NC Insured Student Loans** are available to students if their education costs exceed the amount of financial aid they are awarded. Students can borrow up to \$2,625 per year at 8% interest. Repayment begins 6 months after student leaves school.

See **Alan or Vickie in the Financial Aid Office** for more information or for an aid application form.

## Transfer Admissions Timetable

### Freshman Year

#### Fall/Winter Quarters:

- Get career counseling even if you have selected a career, a major, and a college. 70% of college freshmen change their majors and most of them "knew what they wanted to do."
- Assess your interests and abilities. Research several careers that match your interests and abilities.
- Take college transfer core courses in math, English, history, science, and humanities.
- Begin to read college catalogs to determine graduation requirements in your anticipated major.
- Join clubs, participate in extracurricular activities.
- Make a list of colleges to research (majors, graduation requirements, costs, etc.)
- Attend college day program.
- Refine study skills, strive for good grades.

#### Winter/Spring Quarters:

- Between January and March apply for student financial aid for your sophomore year.
- Continue college transfer core courses.
- Talk to people in occupations of interest to you and enrolled at colleges you are considering.
- Write to colleges, request information on your expected major and admission to the institution.
- Begin to narrow down your college and career choices by visiting colleges and employers. Ask colleges about transfer of courses to meet graduation requirements.
- Select major and determine generic list of typical freshman/sophomore course requirements.
- Keep up those grades!
- Look for summer job.

### Sophomore Year

#### Fall Quarter:

- Continue to participate in clubs/extracurricular activities.
- Determine class schedule for the year to make sure all required courses

will be taken before graduation. Watch out for sequence courses!

- Attend college day program.
- Visit colleges.
- Determine two or three colleges with your major that you would most like to attend. Contact Counseling Center for applications to these schools.
- Have applications **completed** between September and December. Keep copies with notes on dates mailed.
- Check on scholarship programs. Keep those grades up!

### Winter Quarter:

- Between January and March apply for student financial aid for the senior college. Forms are available in the Counseling Center.
- Continue to apply to colleges, if necessary. Check deadlines first!
- Monitor status of applications.
- Check on status toward WCC graduation during Spring Quarter registration.

### Spring Quarter:

- Review admissions decisions from colleges. Make certain of amount of transfer credit and course requirements met.
- Determine steps necessary to have application reconsidered if your application was not approved.
- Education majors, register to take NTE 6-8 weeks before March or June exam dates.
- Review financial aid offered to determine your net cost.
- Compare the offers received from colleges in terms of your major, graduation requirements met, your net cost, and other factors important to you.
- Make your final decision on where to transfer.
- Meet all deadlines for tuition/room deposits. Be sure you know refund policy should you change your mind.

## What One Student Did Over The Holiday Break

Over the holiday, Ray Moltz went to Montana. On his return, he tried to outrun a wild winter storm that was blanketing the Rockies and the west with a foot of snow and sub-zero temperatures. His car slid off an icy road and down a ravine in South Dakota near Mt. Rushmore. The next day he managed to continue on through rural Minnesota and Wisconsin, which were winter wonderlands covered in that foot of snow. Finally reaching Chicago, the thermostat hit 50 degrees and it was even warmer down south with heavy rains.

It was a very exciting trip. As for Ray, it was good to have him back home in North Carolina, alive and well.