





#### A Message from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto

Pursuing higher education, through a college degree or vocational education, can open the door to so many professional opportunities and help you earn a higher salary. My sister and I were the first in our family to graduate from college, and I'm grateful for that opportunity every day because it led me to where I am now. After graduating from college, I went on to law school and became a U.S. Attorney. I then served as Attorney General of the great state of Nevada, and now, I'm honored to be your United States Senator.

Higher education can be helpful for success in America, but rising costs have put access to quality education out of reach for an increasing number of Nevadans. That's why one of my top priorities in the Senate is making education more affordable and accessible for Nevadans throughout our state.

With planning, dedication, hard work, and support, anyone can pursue education and training opportunities beyond high school in areas that interest them. This College and Beyond guide is meant to serve as a resource for students, parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators to use when planning for college or other postsecondary options.

I hope these resources will be helpful to you as you navigate your way to College and Beyond.

Catherine Cortez Masto U.S. Senator



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Parents and students are encouraged to begin developing a college savings plan for their future.

#### **STUDENTS**

- Set personal and academic goals for the year. Study hard!
- Consider getting involved in school activities, student government organizations, and community-based organizations.
- Ask your counselor about any programs available through STEM 101. This organization seeks to improve economic development for students by improving STEM literacy.
- Attend information day programs at your school to find out about the Nevada System of Higher Education options.
- Visit a middle school counselor to learn about college preparatory classes that might be offered.

#### **PARENTS**

- Ensure your child takes history or geography, math, English, and science classes every year of middle school. These subjects form the core of academic preparation for post-secondary education.
- Encourage your child to challenge themselves academically, attend school regularly, develop good study habits, and get involved in school and community-based extracurricular activities.

#### **STUDENTS**

- Keep taking history or geography, math, English, and science, or other college prep classes during each year of middle school.
- Keep your grades up, especially in math, science, and English.
- Visit a college campus.
- If possible, take a foreign language class.

#### **PARENTS**

- Discuss career and college options with your child and encourage them to aim high and explore all options.
- Make sure your child starts on a college prep track in middle school. If students do not take the right courses in middle school, they may be ineligible for the college preparatory track in high school.
- Find a tutor if your child is struggling in college prep classwork.

## 8th Grade

#### **STUDENTS**

- Take the ACT ASPIRE assessment test. (www.act.org)
- If you haven't taken algebra or a foreign language, now is the time.
- Consider getting involved in leadership programs at school like government, theater, JROTC or athletics teams.
- > Begin to explore college and career resources available online.
- Talk to a counselor about Magnet School and Career & Technical Academies for high school. These schools will have specialized programs such as aviation, performing and fine arts, communications, veterinary sciences and more.
  - To learn more about Magnet Schools or Career and Technical Academies in Clark County, visit: magnet.ccsd.net/
  - To learn more about your options in Washoe County, visit their school directory on the WCSD website: www.washoeschools.net/domain/133
- Think about college expenses. The best way to prepare for meeting the costs of college is to begin saving early. Set aside money each month, starting now, to build a college fund.
  - Consider opening a college savings plan with the Nevada Treasurer's Office. You can visit: www.nevadatreasurer.gov/CollegeSavings/CSP\_Home/



#### **STUDENTS**

- Students in high school should be encouraged to begin taking on more college planning work and learn more about Nevada high school graduation requirements.
  - Visit the Nevada Dept. of Education for more information on the credits and exams necessary for you to graduate.
- The Nevada Millennium Scholarship is a unique opportunity for Nevada residents to obtain financial assistance to attend a Nevada college or university.
  - Learn about Nevada's Millennium Scholarship requirements at www.nevadatreasurer.gov
- Explore careers and education paths needed at: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers
- Develop a planner for courses you will need over the next 4 years to graduate and be ready for college. This should include algebra or geometry, English, social studies, biology, and a foreign language.
- In your planner, include the dates for the SAT and ACT that will be offered during your junior and senior year. Also, identify the grade point average (GPA) you will need to meet admission equirements.
- If you have not already done so, consider taking the ACT ASPIRE assessment test.

# **9th Grade Continued**

- Volunteer and get involved in community service events.
- Begin a resume file. In your planner, attach a list of your activities, awards, community service, and other unique educational experiences. This will serve as the beginning of a resume that you can use when writing admissions and scholarship applications. Think about activities to get involved in over the next three years.
- Ask your counselor about any programs available through Jobs for America's Graduates Nevada. JAG Nevada seeks to set high school students on a path to higher education, a career or both.
- Become involved with the AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) Elective or other college preparatory electives. AVID helps put students on a path to higher education.
- If available, get involved in Upward Bound Programs near you:

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Upward Bound TRIO Program *unlv.edu/caeo/ubms* (702) 895-3011

Truckee Meadows Community College

Veterans Upward Bound Program *tmcc.edu/veterans-upward-bound* (775) 829-9007

Nevada State College

Upward Bound TRIO Program *nsc.edu/current-students/trio-upward-bound* (702) 992-2130

University of Nevada, Reno
Upward Bound TRIO Program
unr.edu/upward-bound
(775) 784-6254

- You may wish to explore dual credit opportunities offered at community colleges through local high schools. Students can take both high school and college courses. Students may graduate high school with college credits completed. This option can also help save families money toward college.
- Parents and students should plan to attend high school open houses, meet with high school counselors, and become familiar with admissions and financial aid processes.
- Understand the federal financial aid process by visiting: studentaid.gov/about
- Continue contributing to a Nevada College Savings Plan through the Nevada State Treasurer's Office.



#### **STUDENTS**

- Get involved in an AVID elective if it's available to you.
- Continue to be involved with Upward Bound.
- Keep track of the Nevada Millennium Scholarship requirements.
- Update your planner with completed 9th grade classes and upcoming 10th grade classes.
- Meet with your school counselor to confirm you are on the right track. Remember that college requirements and deadlines might have been updated since you created your planner. You should request updated information annually.
- Your coursework should include geometry or algebra II, English, social studies, chemistry, and a foreign language.
- Consider taking Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams during junior year. AP courses are advanced courses that help prepare the student for college-level work.
  - Students who take AP courses are often more prepared for the academic challenges presented in college. Check with your counselor to see if your high school offers AP courses and exams.
- Take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) to help prepare for the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test), which most students take during their junior or senior year of high school.
  - A student who meets performance criteria may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program, learn more at: www.nationalmerit.org
- If you have not already done so, consider taking the ACT ASPIRE assessment test.
- Talk to your counselor to keep updated on the requirements for the Nevada Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, learn more at: www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS\_Home/
- Continue visiting local college and university campuses, take tours and ask others about their college experiences.
- As your college fund continues to grow, begin to investigate federal, state, and private financial aid at: studentaid.gov
- Parents: help your child make a list of colleges he or she would like to attend. Research cost, distance from home, and degree programs.



#### **STUDENTS**

- Update your planner to include completed 10th grade classes and upcoming 11th grade classes. Your coursework should include advanced math, physics, social studies, and English. Maintain A's and B's. Your Nevada Millennium Scholarship depends on it.
- Remember, the Millennium Scholarship is your financial passport to Nevada's colleges and universities.
- Nevada's colleges and universities offer courses for dual credit. That means when you take a recognized college course you receive both high school and college credit. Talk to your counselor to see if your high school has a dual credit agreement with your local university or community college.
- Here are a few examples of high schools/universities that offer dual credit courses:
  - Start planning for senior year classes early and make sure they meet the college preparatory coursework.

Nevada State High School

earlycollegenv.com/academics/college-courses

(702) 953-2600

College of Southern Nevada

csnhighschool.org

(702) 651-5000

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

unlv.edu/asc/dual-enrollment

(702) 895-3011

Great Basin College

gbcnv.edu/academics/dualenrollment.html

(775) 738-8493

Consider taking Honors and AP (Advanced Placement) classes.

- Meet with a counselor about coursework that keeps you on track to graduate high school.
  - > Start planning for senior year classes early and make sure they meet the college preparatory coursework.
- Attend college and vocational fairs and sessions with college representatives at your school to get more information. All Nevada colleges and universities have programs for visiting high schoolers.
- Make an appointment to attend a campus tour.
- Continue researching federal, state, & private scholarships. Find out what awards students in your school & community are receiving.
- Create a list of potential institutions that you would like to attend. Send letters or emails requesting information, and evaluate the materials with your parents.
  - To learn about the seven public institutions in Nevada, visit: nshe.nevada.edu/our-institutions/
- Schedule an appointment with a college financial aid counselor to learn more about financial aid opportunities. Be sure to bring your parents or family members, their participation is important and everyone will gain very valuable information.
- Identify community-based scholarships from local nonprofits and organizations in the area.
- Remember the FAFSA will open October 1st of your senior year.
- ➤ Check if your school offers the PSAT/NMSQT. This practice test helps prepare you for the SAT. A student who does well on this test, and who meets many other academic performance criteria, may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. For more information, talk to your guidance counselor, or call the National Merit Scholarship Program office directly at (847) 866-5100
- Take your college entrance exams (ACT or SAT) in the spring or summer. You will get the results back in time to see if you need to retake the test in the fall of your senior year. Register for exams one or more months in advance, or sooner. Add test scores to your student planner when received.
- Nevada's colleges and universities offer courses for dual credit. That means when you take a recognized college course you receive both high school and college credit. Talk to your counselor to see if your high school has a dual credit agreement with your local university or community college.
- Parents, make sure your child takes any required college admissions tests and submits all admissions, financial aid, and any campus housing paperwork on time. It is crucial that you are aware of the submission deadlines — they vary among schools and are subject to change.



# **Senior Year**

#### **AUGUST**

- Continue to be involved with AVID if it's available at your school.
- Continue to visit and obtain information on the colleges that you have included on your potential list. Set aside plenty of time to start the college admissions process, keeping in mind time to write essays and secure letters of recommendation if necessary.
- Continue the application process. You and your family should meet with your guidance counselor to become familiar with the admission and financial aid processes. Some universities and colleges have fall deadlines while others have spring deadlines.
- Seek scholarships and keep an updated resume, personal essay, test scores and transcripts. Start securing letters of recommendation from counselors, teachers, coaches or employers.
- Stay updated on the requirements for the Nevada Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, visit:

#### www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS\_Home/.

- Review transcripts with your guidance counselor to ensure that they are accurate and you are meeting all of your college preparatory and Nevada Millennium Scholarship requirements. Review your college plans and evaluate them in light of your test scores and junior year grades.
- Register for the ACT or SAT if you either did not take the test last year, or if you have decided to retake the test.
- Update your student planner to include completed 11th grade classes and upcoming 12th grade classes.
- Keep these dates in your student planner: the UNLV Priority Application and Scholarship Deadline is November 1st and the UNR Priority Application and Scholarship Deadline is February 1st.
- Setting up a calendar with all the various tasks and deadlines associated with the application process will be very helpful to submit paperwork on time. Set aside plenty of time to draft, edit, and re-write application essays.

#### **EARLY OCTOBER**

- Gather documents needed to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Social Security Card, Driver's License (if any), Tax Returns and current bank statements visit: www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- ➤ Work with your parents to complete the FAFSA on or as soon after October 1 as possible. Once you complete your FAFSA, you should receive the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the financial aid processor. If you provide a valid e-mail address on your FAFSA, you will receive an email within 3 to 5 days with instructions on how to access an online copy of your SAR. If you do not provide a valid email address, your SAR will be mailed to you via postal mail within 7 to 10 days. If you have not received your SAR within the appropriate time line, check your status by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Or go online at:

#### www.fafsa.ed.gov

Keep track of application deadlines & file yours accordingly. If you want to live on campus, complete a housing/meal plan application.

#### **JANUARY**

- Submit your FAFSA no later than Feb. 1st for priority consideration.
- Ask your high school to send the transcript of the first semester of your senior year to the colleges where you have applied.

#### FEBRUARY / MARCH

- Register for Advanced Placement (AP) exams, if possible.
- If required, be sure to send copies of the completed FAFSA to any scholarship programs.
- Make sure all application materials are sent & received on time.
- Review your SAR for accuracy. If necessary, correct any inaccurate items on your SAR on the website www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you filed a FAFSA online, you must make your corrections online. If you filed a paper FAFSA, you may make your corrections online or on your paper SAR and mail it to the federal processor. For electronic corrections, you will receive an email notification that your corrections are processed within 3 to 5 days.

In order for colleges to receive your SAR information, you should list them on your FAFSA. You may add colleges after your FAFSA is processed by making a correction. Even if your SAR says you are not eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant, you should list all prospective colleges on your FAFSA because the college may be able to offer you other aid based on the information in that report.



# **Senior Year Continued**

#### **APRIL**

- Review your financial aid award letters with your parents. Be sure that you understand the terms and conditions that apply to each type of aid offered, as well as how much of your educational expenses the aid will be covering. Many institutions send financial aid award notifications electronically; it helps to know what to expect from your chosen college.
- Review all acceptance letters. Decide on where you will attend and send in your tuition deposit. If you are unable to cover the tuition deposit, contact the financial aid or admissions office to inquire about deposit waivers or payment plans. Notify all other institutions in writing that you have selected another school by May 1st. Other applicants will be hoping to receive your spot.
- Start considering on- or off-campus housing, meal plans and other college expenses and practice creating a budget.
- If you are on a college waiting list, notify the admissions office that you are still interested.

#### **MAY**

- Verify all AP Grade Reports have been received by your selected college. Inquire about how those credits will transfer over.
- Parents, create a budget with your child and determine how much will be covered by financial aid, how much you will provide, and how much your child will contribute by working and/or borrowing.



#### **JUNE**

- Ask your high school to send a copy of your final transcripts to the college you will attend. Notify the college of any private grants or scholarships you will receive, as this may affect your other financial aid awards.
- Find out when payment for tuition, room, board, etc., will be due. Be sure that you understand how financial aid will be disbursed and whether you can defer bill payments until the funds are available.

#### **JULY / AUGUST**

- Look for information from your new college about housing, orientation, course selection, etc.
- If you are attending a Nevada college or university, you will receive a Millennium Scholarship award notification. Your notification comes from the Nevada Treasurer's Office and will include instructions on how to complete your Letter of Acknowledgement. This step must be completed before your college can process your Millennium Award. Once this is done, verify that the Millennium Scholarship appears on your financial aid award letter. If it does not, you should contact your campus financial aid office.

# Finally: pack, celebrate, and get ready for college!



# **Congressional Award**

The Congressional Award provides opportunities for young people to unleash their potential by achieving personal goals focused on volunteerism, character development and fitness. Established in 1979 to recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people, the award began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive.

The program is open to all youth in the US between the ages of 14 and 24 regardless of ability, circumstance, or socioeconomic status. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.congressionalaward.org/the-program/">https://www.congressionalaward.org/the-program/</a>

# **Senate Page Nominations**

The Senate Page Program offers Nevada students a unique experience of the Legislative branch in action. Pages have the opportunity to meet some of the nation's most prominent leaders and witness firsthand political debates in the United States Senate, a place often referred to as the "greatest deliberative body in the world." There are four established page sessions.

The academic year consists of two semesters that run from early September through mid-January, and from mid-January through mid-June. The summer program consists of two sessions that are usually three or four weeks in duration depending on the legislative calendar. Each session, only 30 positions are available for the 100 Senators. Interest in the Page Program is high, and because not every Senator is able to sponsor a page, the application process is highly competitive. To learn more, please visit: wwww.cortezmasto.senate.gov/help/constituent-services/senate-page-nominations/



#### Gifted and Talented Education

Gifted and Talented Education is for students who demonstrate high achievement potential in intellectual, creative, artistic, leadership, or other fields, and who need services not ordinarily provided by their school in order to fully develop those capabilities. The Department of GATE Program considers the following for admission into the program:

- > Cognitive assessment score
- > Teacher endorsement
- > Parent questionnaire
- > Reading and math MAP scores
- Core content grade point average (GPA)

#### **Magnet Schools & Career and Technical Academies**

Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies focus on specialized teaching and learning to improve student achievement. These schools also improve student and community integration through a focused curriculum. And, they provide learning environments that match students' interests and abilities. Your school district may also have Magnet-AAP programming for students that have shown high achievement but maybe didn't qualify for GATE.

Applying to a Magnet School or CTA is as easy as filing either an online or paper application and submitting it to your 1st choice school no later than Jan. 9. Any applicant who currently attends a charter, private or other school must submit a copy of their first trimester/semester report card from the previous school year. The report card must include: course title and grade, attendance, and conduct grade.

# Elementary Schools with a Focused Curriculum

#### **SOUTHERN NEVADA**

- Walter Bracken STEAM Academy
- Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology
- Gilbert Academy of Creative Arts
- Mabel Hoggard Math and Science Magnet School
- Lomie G. Heard Technology Academy
- Jo Mackey iLead Academy for the Digital Sciences
- Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy
- Clarence A. Piggott Academy of International Studies
- Sandy Searles Miller Academy of International Studies
- Shelia R. Tarr Academy of International Studies
- Helen Anderson Toland International Academy

#### **NORTHERN NEVADA**

- Caughlin Ranch Elementary School
- Coral Academy
- Dorothy Lemelson STEM Academy
- Drake Elementary School
- Incline Elementary School
- Mariposa Language and Learning Academy
- Mount Rose K-8 School of Languages
- Smithridge STEM Academy



# Middle Schools with a Focused Curriculum

#### **SOUTHERN NEVADA**

- Bridger Middle School STEAM Academy
- B. Mahlon Brown Academy of International Studies
- Lyal Burkholder Middle School
- Cashman MS Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering
- Fremont Professional Development Middle School, Academy of Medical Sciences
- Robert O. Gibson Middle School Leadership Academy
- Kenny C. Guinn STEM Academy
- Hyde Park Academy of Science and Mathematics
- Walter Johnson Junior High School Academy of International Studies
- Carroll M. Johnston Middle School
- KO Knudson Academy of the Arts
- Lied STEM Academy
- Roy W. Martin Middle School and International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
- Mike O'Callaghan i3 Learn Academy
- Thurman White MS Academy for the Performing Arts

#### **NORTHERN NEVADA**

- Billinghurst Middle School
- Clayton Middle School
- Depoali Middle School
- Herz Middle School
- Pine Middle School
- Sky Ranch Middle School
- Swope Middle School

# CLASSROOM Signature Academies & Technical Training

# **Washoe County**

#### **ACADEMY OF ARTS, CAREERS, & TECHNOLOGY (AACT)**

Signature School with Animal & Plant Sciences, Business & Marketing, Computer Science, Culinary, EMT, Engineering, Graphic Design, Medical Assisting, Teaching & Training, Video Production, & Welding programs.

#### **DAVIDSON ACADEMY**

A free public school for profoundly gifted students with classes grouped by ability, not age. The Davidson Academy offers a rigorous middle and high school level curriculum for exceptionally gifted students ages 9 and up who can learn and interact with same-age, intellectual peers.

#### **DAMONTE RANCH HIGH SCHOOL**

- ➤ The Damonte Ranch Performing Arts Center
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Computer Science, Culinary Arts, Forensic Science, Military Science (JROTC) and Theater Tech

#### **GALENA HIGH SCHOOL**

- Galena STEM Academy
- Project Lead the Way: Aerospace Engineering & Environmental Engineering
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Culinary Arts, Engineering, Military Science (JROTC) and Welding

#### **HUG HIGH SCHOOL**

- ➤ The Gate Institute at Procter R. Hug High School: A partnership between the GATE Program and Procter R. Hug High School with GT-endorsed teachers for students in ninth through twelfth grade
- Hug Health & Human Services Academy
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Computer Science, Human & Social Services, Manufacturing, Military Science (JROTC) and Sports Medicine.

#### **INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL**

Career & Technical Education programs include Computer Science,
 Culinary Arts, Engineering and Military Science (JROTC)

#### **MCQUEEN HIGH SCHOOL**

- McQueen Culinary Arts Academy
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Building & Construction, Community Health Science, Computer Science, Culinary, Engineering and Military Science (JROTC).

#### **NORTH VALLEYS HIGH SCHOOL**

- North Valleys Center for Agricultural Science and Engineering
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Animal & Plant Sciences, Ag Mechanics, Cybersecurity, Culinary, Diesel Tech, Military Science (JROTC), Multimedia Communications and Welding

#### **REED HIGH SCHOOL**

- Reed Enterprise Project
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Biomedical, Computer Science, Culinary, Energy Tech, Human & Social Services, Manufacturing, Metalworking, Military Science (NJROTC) and Welding

#### **RENO HIGH SCHOOL**

- Reno Red House Project
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Computer Science, Engineering, Graphic Design, Military Science (JROTC), Multimedia Communications and Video Production

#### SPANISH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

- Spanish Springs Academy; programs in C3 Media and Sports Medicine
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Automotive Tech, Computer Science, Family & Consumer Science, Graphic Design, Military Science (JROTC), Multimedia Communications, Teaching & Training, Video Production and Web Design.

#### SPARKS HIGH SCHOOL

- Sparks Manufacturing Academy
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Building & Construction, Culinary, Manufacturing, Military Science (JROTC) and Teaching & Training



# **Washoe County Continued**

#### **WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL**

Signature School with International Baccalaureate Curriculum: Middle Years (BMYP), Diploma (IBDP) & Career-Related (IBCP) Programme

- Career-Related Programme includes Energy Technologies, Building Trades in Construction Technology, Metalworking, Military Science and Plant Systems
- Additional Career & Technical Education programs include Ag & Plant Science, Building & Construction, Energy Tech, Metalworking and Military Science (JROTC).

# **Washoe County Admissions**

For admissions and application information for any of these academies please visit:

380 Edison Way, Suite 101 Reno, Nevada 89502 Phone: (775) 327.3945 Fax: (775) 861.1299

Website: https://www.washoeschools.net/Domain/262





# **Clark County**

#### **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY**

Architectural Design, Biomedical Science, Business Management, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Engineering, and Graphic Design.

#### **BASIC ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Automotive, Entrepreneurship, Early Childhood Development, Fashion and Design, and Video Production

#### **CANYON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

Leadership and Law Preparatory Academy

#### **ED W. CLARK HIGH SCHOOL**

 Finance, Math, Science and Applied Technology (AMSAT) and Teacher Education (TEACH)

#### **EAST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Medical Professions (Medical Assisting/Pharmacy Tech), Sports Medicine, Teaching and Training, Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts, Marketing and Hospitality/Tourism, Information Technology, Mechanical Technology, and Construction Technology

#### DEL SOL ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Costume Design, Dance, Guitar, Mariachi, Music Production, Theater, and Technical Theater

#### **ELDORADO HIGH SCHOOL**

Video Game Technology and Web Design

#### LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

Band, Japanese, Creative Writing, Dance, French, Guitar, Jazz, Mariachi, Orchestra, Piano, Spanish, Theater, Technical Theater, Video Production, Visual Arts, and Vocal Performance

#### **NORTHEAST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Architectural Design, Automotive/Diesel Technology, Business Management, Computer Science, Construction Technology, Cybersecurity, Energy Technology, Medical Professions, Human and Social Services, and Teaching and Training.

#### **NORTHWEST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Construction Technology, Engineering and Design, Mechanical Technology, Culinary, Hospitality and Tourism, Teaching, Biomedical, Veterinary Science

#### RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL

- Academy of Aviation; Academy of Medical Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering, Private Pilot, and Medical/Pre-Medical

#### **SOUTHEAST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Advanced Manufacturing, Architectural Design, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Cybersecurity, Digital Game Development, Medical Professions, Multimedia Communications, Sports Medicine, Teaching & Training

#### **SOUTHWEST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Automotive Technology, Culinary & Hospitality, Dental Assisting, Digital Game Technology, Engineering, Fashion Design, Multimedia Communications, Nursing, and Teacher Education

#### SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate (IB)



# **Clark County Continued**

#### **VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Hospitality and Tourism Program

#### **VETERANS TRIBUTE CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Emergency Medical Services (Pre-Med) and Law Enforcement programs (Dispatch, Forensic Science, Cybersecurity, Criminal Justice)

#### **WEST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Biomedical, Biotechnology, Business, Cybersecurity, Digital Media, Engineering & Robotics, Environmental Management, Nursing, and Sports Medicine

# **Clark County Admissions**

For admissions and application information for any of these academies please visit:

3050 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119 Phone: 702-799-8492 Website: *magnet.ccsd.net* 

Email: magnetschools@nv.ccsd.net





This was my graduation from Clark High Scchool!

# Nevada High School Graduation Requirements

To graduate from a Nevada high school with a standard diploma, you must complete the following course requirements:

#### Standard Diploma Requirements

English Language Arts - 4 Units	Arts/Humanities - 1 Unit
Mathematics - 3 Units	Physical Education - 2 Units
Science - 2 Units	Health Education - 0.5 Unit
U.S. History - 1 Unit	Use of Computers - 0.5 Unit
U.S. Government - 1 Unit	Electives - 6 Units
Economics/Financial Literacy - 0/5 Unit	College and Career Ready - 2 Units

Total = 23 Units

To graduate from a Nevada high school with an Advanced diploma, you must complete the following course requirements with a weighted or unweighted GPA of 3.25:

#### Advanced Diploma Requirements

English Language Arts - 4 Units	Arts/Humanities - 1 Unit
Mathematics - 3 Units	Physical Education - 2 Units
Science - 3 Units	Health Education - 0.5 Unit
U.S. History - 1 Unit	Use of Computers - 0.5 Unit
U.S. Government - 1 Unit	Electives - 6 Units
Economics/Financial Literacy - 0/5 Unit	Social Studies - 1 Unit

Total = 23 Units

Students are required to participate in a final exam for each of their courses. Students must participate in the final exam and pass the class as a whole to receive a diploma.



#### UPWARD BOUND

Upward Bound provides first-generation, income-qualified students with free college preparatory services and support to develop the skills and knowledge essential for successful admission, persistence, and completion of postsecondary education.

To qualify, the student must be:

- From an income qualified family; AND/OR
- From a family where neither parent with whom student resides has a four-year college degree; AND
- U.S. citizen, or permanent resident of the U.S.; AND
- Between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age

For more information on Upward Bound at Nevada colleges, visit:

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Upward Bound TRIO Program *unlv.edu/caeo/ubms* (702) 895-3011

Truckee Meadows Community College

Veterans Upward Bound Program *tmcc.edu/veterans-upward-bound* (775) 829-9007

Nevada State College

Upward Bound TRIO Program nsc.edu/current-students/trio-upward-bound (702) 992-2130

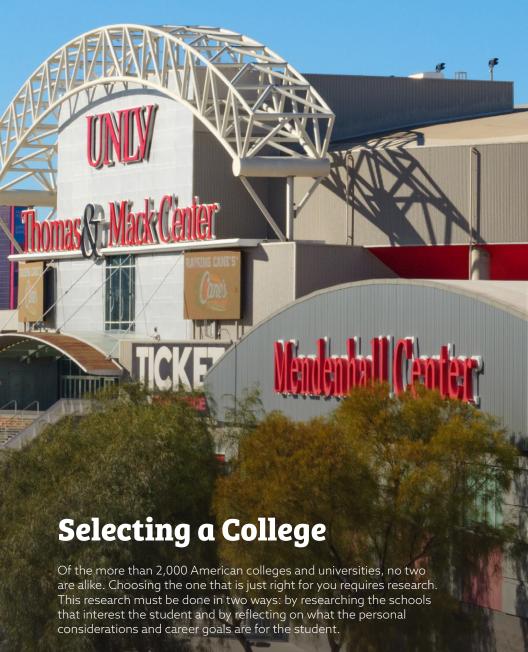
University of Nevada, Reno

Upward Bound TRIO Program unr.edu/upward-bound (775) 784-6254

#### AVID ELECTIVE

The AVID Elective is available in select institutions across the state and targets students in the academic middle-B, C, and even D students-with the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential.

Please visit: contact the Clark County School District at (702) 799-0781 for more information.



Research on the colleges can be done on the internet, by reviewing catalogs, visiting the campus itself, or by talking to students who have attended the college in question. The questions to ask related to the personal and career goals of the student are: What are my needs? What kind of college or university will satisfy those needs? What size school would be best for me? In what kind of setting are you most comfortable? Near a big city? In a small town? Close to home? Out of state? Your comfort level will affect every aspect of your time in college.

## **Some Questions to Consider**

### WHAT SIZE SCHOOL WOULD BE BEST FOR ME?

- Large universities often provide many academic, athletic, and social options for their diverse student populations.
- Small universities typically offer a more intimate setting with an opportunity to more closely work with professors in smaller classes.

### WHAT KIND OF SCHOOL WOULD BE BEST FOR ME?

- > Private schools may have high entrance standards & high tuition, while public schools generally offer lower tuition rates to in-state students.
- Large universities often provide many academic, athletic, and social options for their student populations, and small schools typically offer a more intimate setting with smaller class sizes.
- Liberal Arts colleges emphasize a well-rounded educational foundation upon which further studies can lead to success in a number of possible careers. Because enrollment is usually small, students and faculty have more opportunity to interact.
- Specialized colleges offer focused study in a particular area of interest, such as computer graphics, business, or the arts. If you are certain of your career field, these schools will allow you to specialize in that area.

## **HOW DIFFICULT ARE THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS?**

- Some schools have rigid entrance policies, while others are more flexible. Your task is to review the requirements of the schools that interest you and compare them to your high school record.
- Most of your applications should go to the schools whose requirements most closely match your record. However, a few applications to schools whose acceptance criteria may be a challenge are also recommended.

### **HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD TO SPEND?**

Even though the cost of a college education will repay itself many times over during your lifetime, you must start with a practical assessment of your resources: your family's contribution, scholarships, grants, loans, part time work, etc.

### **HOW DO I CHOOSE A MAJOR?**

The choice of a major also hinges upon your choice of a career. What kind of work do you want to do? Choosing a college then will be a matter of researching schools that offer programs in your chosen career.

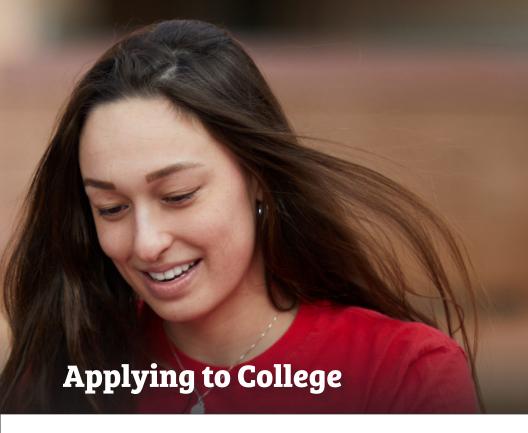




## **QUESTIONS TO ASK THE TOUR GUIDE**

- How do students feel about the course load?
- What is the relationship between faculty and students?
- Are professors available/required to see students during office hours?
- Are most courses taught by professors, or by graduate students?
- What is an average class size?
- Is there a fraternity and/or sorority system?
- Is student social life centered on campus? What activities are offered?
- Do students stay on campus on the weekend?
- > Do students need a car on campus? Can freshmen have cars on campus?
- > Are students advised well? Is academic counseling easily accessible?
- What academic tutoring and/or personal counseling services are available for students who experiencing difficulties adjusting to college?
- What provisions are made for campus safety? Is the nearby area safe?
- ➤ Is on-campus housing available? Where do most students live?
- Are health services available on campus?
- Where can I find on campus employment?
- Are there work study opportunities on campus?





### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

When you are seeking admission to a postsecondary school, the application process will be time-consuming. Not all institutions use the same process, but some aspects of the application process are common to most. Since you will be competing with other applicants, you will want to adhere to deadlines and complete the process thoroughly. The application is a comprehensive form from a school that you fill out so the school can gather information about you.

The typical application process involves the following:

- Exams such as the ACT or SAT are necessary for most schools
- Transcripts are required by nearly all postsecondary schools to review courses taken, grades received, attendance, and test scores
- ➤ Letters of recommendation written about your qualifications
- One or multiple essays written by you on a topic selected by the school
- > Application fees, depending on the school
- > An interview between you and a representative of the school
- A campus visit for you to gather information firsthand and to experience the campus atmosphere



## **Community & Two-Year Colleges**

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) has several well-regarded two-year colleges. These schools offer affordable tuition, substantial career preparation, and the chance to combine part-time work with education. Students can earn certificates or associate degrees.

### **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Certificates are awarded for completed work in such fields as banking, automotive technology, office administration, child care, and many other areas. A certificate is not a college degree. Most certificate programs take at least one year to complete, and are similar to programs that trade and technical schools offer.

### **TWO-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

Typically, there are two types of Associate Degrees:

### Terminal Associate Degree

A terminal degree is a two-year associate degree that is not transferable to a four-year institution. A "terminal" program is designed to make a person "job ready" for a specific occupation. Terminal degrees are available in such fields as business management, electronic engineering technology, graphic technology, and many other areas.

## Transfer Associate Degree

A transfer degree is a two-year associate degree that is transferable to a four-year institution. After graduation with a two-year associate degree, students can transfer to a four-year institution and receive a bachelor's degree after two or three additional years of study.

It is essential that careful research into the requirements of the four-year institution be completed so that transfer of credits will occur. Be sure to research the specific admission requirements for each community college because admissions requirements vary.



### **COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA**

### www.csn.edu

Charleston, Henderson, & North Las Vegas

(702) 651-5555

The College of Southern Nevada offers two-year associate degrees, select bachelor's degrees and one year certificates of achievement in over 200 career fields, university transfer preparation, and skill training to secure employment or professional development. Learn more at: <a href="https://www.csn.edu/admissions/degree-seeking-students">https://www.csn.edu/admissions/degree-seeking-students</a>

### **GREAT BASIN COLLEGE**

### www.gbcnv.edu

Elko, NV

(775) 327-5002

Great Basin College serves northeastern Nevada, featuring select bachelor's degrees, two-year associate degrees, and one-year certificates of achievement. Learn more on their website at:

https://gbcnv.edu/admissions/

## **WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE**

### www.wnc.edu

Carson City, NV

(775) 445-3000

Western Nevada College offers more than 50 associate degrees or certificate of achievement programs, as well as select bachelor's degrees. Be sure to stay updated on their website at:

https://wnc.edu/degree/



### TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

www.tmcc.edu

Reno, NV

(775) 673-7111

Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) is a comprehensive community college located in Reno. With multiple college sites and more than 20 community locations, TMCC serves more than 25,000 students each year in state-supported programs and another 12,000 students in non-credit workforce development classes. Learn more at:

https://www.tmcc.edu/academics

TMCC also offers select bachelor's degrees which you can view online: https://www.tmcc.edu/academics/bachelors-degrees

Finally, under TMCC's Technical Sciences Division, they offer a diverse selection of career training programs including Construction and Design Technologies, Manufacturing Technologies, Transportation Technologies and more. Be sure to keep updated with the degrees and certificates offered online at:

https://www.tmcc.edu/vpaa/technical-sciences-division



## **NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY**

### www.nevadastate.edu

Henderson, NV

(702) 992-2000

Nevada State University, the newest four-year college within the Nevada System of Higher Education, offers bachelor's degrees in business, education, nursing, visual media and computing, biology, environmental science, psychology, English, history, law enforcement, and more.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

www.unlv.edu

(702) 895-3011 (702) 774-8658

Las Vegas, NV

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation as a Highest Research Activity (R1) University. UNLV offers more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs including innovative academic degrees in such fields as medicine, gaming and hospitality management, entrepreneurship, entertainment, engineering, and much more. Las Vegas offers students a "living laboratory" for research, internships, and a wide variety of job opportunities. UNLV is dedicated to developing and supporting the human capital, regional infrastructure, and economic diversification that Nevada needs for a sustainable future. Learn more about UNLV at: https://www.unlv.edu/academics



## **UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO**

**www.unr.edu** Reno & Lake Tahoe, NV (775) 784-1110 (866) 263-8232

Established in 1874, the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) is the oldest institution of higher education in Nevada. It is a National Tier 1 University and offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and 150 academic programs. At the university, undergraduate students have the opportunity to participate in a diverse range of research projects, working closely with faculty mentors.

With more than \$80 million in research funding, UNR is the leading research facility in Nevada's higher-education system. Students can get involved with more than 150 clubs and organizations, sororities, fraternities, and the study abroad program. Eight residence halls offer a variety of living options, including living learning communities. Aside from receiving an extraordinary education, UNR offers numerous opportunities for financial aid and scholarships.

All entering students admitted with qualifying GPAs and test scores (ACT/SAT) are automatically considered for scholarships. Colleges, departments, and other student government and activity programs also offer a wide range of scholarship opportunities to qualified applicants. Learn more about the degrees offered at UNR by visiting:

https://www.unr.edu/degrees





## **Summer Bridge Programs**

Once you have chosen the college you wish to attend, you may want to consider enrolling in a Summer Bridge Program. As described by the U.S. Department of Education, these programs are designed to ease the transition to college and support postsecondary success by providing students with academic skills and social resources needed to succeed in a college environment. These programs take place during the summer between high school graduation and college and vary across higher education institutions.

Below is alist of some of the Summer Bridge Programs available across the Nevada System of Higher Education:

- UNLV's Math Bridge and First-Gen Connect Student Services Center: www.unlv.edu/asc/bridge
- Nevada State University's Summer Bridge Program. Call (702) 992-2000 for more information
- UNR's Residential Summer Academy and online summer programing: https://www.unr.edu/upward-bound/program-services
- TMCC's Success First Program: www.tmcc.edu/recruitment-access-center/success-first-program



There are more than 100 privately-owned postsecondary schools licensed by the State of Nevada. Technical and trade schools offer short-term programs emphasizing specific skills to facilitate immediate placement in the workforce.

Many of these licensed schools are also accredited by regional and/ or national accrediting associations. A school does not have to be accredited to operate in Nevada as long as the school has met all the state requirements for licensing. A school cannot operate without a state license.

Accredited schools have access to federal funding and can offer federal loans and grants. Non-accredited schools often create their own form of financial aid for qualified students.

For more information, call the Commission on Postsecondary Education at (702) 486-7330, or visit **www.cpe.state.nv.us.** 

## **Apprenticeship Programs**

An apprenticeship is an "earn while you learn" training opportunity that includes paid on-the-job training as well as related classroom instruction. For more information on apprenticeship opportunities available in Southern Nevada and beyond, please visit: *apprenticeship.ccsd.net* 

## **Trades Contact Information**

### **SOUTHERN NEVADA**

### Roofers, Water Proofers, & Allied Trades JATC

4125 Arctic Spring St #5 Las Vegas, NV 89115 (702) 212-9961

### Plasterers & Cement Masons

4321 W Oquendo Rd Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702) 452-8445

### opcmianevada.org

### Ironworkers JATC

960 Wigwam Parkway Henderson, NV 89014 (702) 452-8445

### universityofiron.org

## Operating Engineers JATC

P.O. Box 363219 North Las Vegas, NV 89036 (702) 643-1212

### snoejatc.net

### Painters JATC

1701 Whitney Mesa Dr #106 Henderson, NV 89014 (702) 438-2611

#### Glaziers JATC

1701 Whitney Mesa Dr #105 Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 262-5541

dc16iupat.org/unions/ local-union-2001

### Electrical Workers JATC

620 Legion Way Las Vegas, NV 89110 (702) 459-7949

### earnwhileyoulearn.org

#### Heat & Frost Insulators JATC

1701 Whitney Mesa Dr Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 649-7897

### insulators135.com

#### Laborers JATC

4201 E. Bonanza Las Vegas, NV 89110 (702) 452-4440

### local872.com

# SNV Associated Builders & Contractors Chapter

5070 Arville St #4 Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702) 227-0536

### Alamo Power District

P.O. Box 189 Alamo, NV 89001 (775) 725-3335

# Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling Contractors

271 Sunpac Ave Henderson, NV 89011 (702) 452-4440

### phccnv.org



### SOUTHERN NEVADA CONTINUED

### Stationary Engineers JATC

313 Deauville St Las Vegas, NV 89106 (702) 385-5005

## Teamtsers Convention Industry

4490 Nexus Way #102 Las Vegas, NV 89115 (702) 453-6310

teamsterslocal631.org

### Young Electric Sign Company

5119 Cameron St Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702) 876-8080

yesco.com

### Sheet Metal Workers JATC

2540 Marco St Las Vegas, NV 89115 (702) 632-3014

### Valley Electric Association

800 E Highway #372 Pahrump, NV 89048 (702) 727-5312

vea.coop

## **NORTHERN NEVADA**

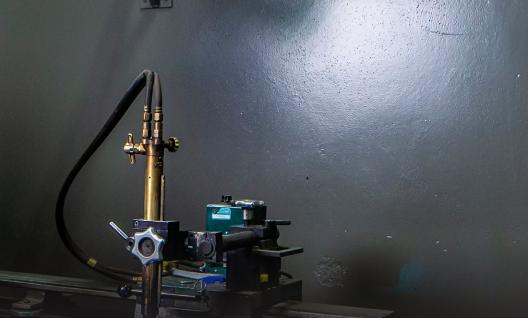
### Carpenters JATC

1360 Financial Blvd Reno, NV 89502 (775) 856-4448

### Electrical JATC

4635 Longely Ln #108 Reno, NV 89502 (775) 358-4301

iw118.org



### **NORTHERN NEVADA CONTINUED**

### Ironworkers JATC

14295 Mt. Bismarck St Reno, NV 89506 (775) 384-1186

### Laborers JATC

570 Reactor Way Reno, NV 89502 (775) 856-0169

### local169.com

## Nevada Farm Apprenticeship Program

1664 N Virginia St Reno, NV 89509 (775) 682-9783

## NNV Bricklayers & Allied Crafts JATC

9475 Double R Blvd #6 Reno, NV 89521 (775) 323-5451

### bac13nv.org

### Lincoln County Power District

210 Bullionville Rd Panaca, NV 89042 (775) 728-8200

### Mount Wheeler Power, Inc

1600 Great Basin Blvd Ely, NV 89301 (775) 289-8981

### mwpower.net

# NNV Associated Builders & Contractors

240 S Rock Blvd #121 Reno, NV 89502 (775) 358-7888

### abcnevada.org

# NNV Independent Electrical Contractors

3370 Executive Pointe Way Carson City, NV 89706 (775) 671-1145



### NORTHERN NEVADA CONTINUED

### Painters & Allied Trades

1196 Telegraph St Reno, NV 89502 (775) 323-0567

### Plasterers & Cement Masons

810 Gleeson Way Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 359-4241

### opcmianevada.org

### Painters JATC Finishing Trades Institute

523 Vista Blvd Sparks, NV 89434 (775) 300-7044

### Sierra Pacific Power

6100 Neil Rd Reno, NV 89511 (775) 834-5735

# Truckee Meadows Community College Apprenticeship Programs

475 Edison Way #201A Reno, NV 89502 (775) 673-7111

### tmcc.edu

## United Electrical Services Apprenticeship & Training

2551 Precision Dr #A Minden, NV 89423 (775) 782-4303

### Young Electric Sign Company

800 Bennie Lane Reno, NV 89512 (775) 359-3131

### yesco.com

### Sheet Metal JATC

1237 Gator Way Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 331-6393

### Plumbers & Pipefitters

1150 Greg St Sparks, NV 89431 (775) 359-2229

### buildingtradejobs.org

### Sierra Nevada Job Corps

14175 Mt Charleston St Reno, NV 89506 (800) 733-5627

### sierranevada.jobcorps.gov

### Stationary Engineers JATC

390 Kirman Ave Reno, NV 89502 (775) 358-3939

## Truckee Meadows Water Authority

1355 Capital Blvd Reno, NV 89502 (775) 834-8080

### tmwa.com

#### Wells Rural Electric

1451 Humboldt Ave Wells, NV 89835 (775) 752-3328

### wrec.coop

### Operating Engineers Local 3

1290 Corporate Blvd Reno, NV 89515 (775) 575-2729

555 West Silver St Elko, NV 89801 Elko Branch Office



## Serving in the U.S. Armed Forces

For those looking to serve, or who have served in our nation's Armed Forces, there are many resources available for pursuing educational goals. Immediate benefits include educational and career training through technical schools, the opportunity to become a commissioned officer through military academies or college Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), travel, free medical and dental care, lower cost commissary and exchange services, guaranteed pay, promotional opportunities, access to a cadre of trained consultants and counselors, and free legal assistance.

Long-term benefits may include Post 9/11 G.I. Bill education benefits, scholarships, fellowships, pay bonuses, 30-day annual paid vacation, certain housing, medical, and educational services for families, low-cost life insurance, FHA loans, lifetime retirement benefits after 20 years of service, and job retention rights for veteran federal workers.

### **Terms of Enlistment**

There is a mandatory eight-year service obligation for all branches of the military, which is split between active duty and inactive reserve duty. The active duty component can vary depending on the branch and job, but is most frequently 4-6 years. Check with military recruiters for more details.

## **Qualifications**

All prospective recruits take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). Test results on the ASVAB determine your qualifications for enlistment and job-training opportunities. The ASVAB is given at high schools, or testing arrangements can be made with military recruiters.

## **RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)**

ROTC is a highly selective process whereby a student must be admitted to a college or university that offers ROTC and their academic major of study. The process includes an evaluation of your high school grades, ACT/SAT scores, selected major, and an interview with a military officer.

If you are awarded an ROTC scholarship, you will attend a traditional college/university, which will include ROTC classes once or twice a week and the wearing of a military uniform one day a week. This may vary depending upon the branch of the military and the college/university you attend. There are also two and three-year ROTC scholarships available to students while in college.

A student may enter the ROTC program without a scholarship, with the goal of becoming a military officer upon graduation from college. A scholarship may be awarded before the 2nd or 3rd year of college attendance and is determined by college GPA and ROTC participation and leadership.



### THE NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD

The Nevada Army and Air National Guard maintain dual federal and state mission. The federal mission supports the nation with trained and ready units for deployment overseas, domestic contingencies, and – if ever required – homeland defense. The Nevada National Guard also activates during times of emergency, natural disaster or disorder in support of the state. Capabilities include, but are not limited to tactical airlift, firefighting, medevac, transportation, engineers, maintenance, medical, signal, communications, logistics, law enforcement and intelligence.

Active members of the Nevada National Guard are eligible for a fee waiver that will permit such Guard members to register for courses without a registration fee (e.g. resident tuition) (Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 12 of the Handbook and NRS 396.544).

This waiver will also pay for laboratory fees associated with certain courses. (The programs associated with the Williams S. Boyd School of Law, the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, and the UNLV School of Dental Medicine are not eligible for the waiver)

The Nevada National Guard has a higher education program where students can enlist and attend training one weekend a month and attend college full-time.

The State of Nevada offers its Air National Guard members up to 100% tuition waiver at state colleges and universities for Fall/Spring semesters and up to 100% reimbursement for the Summer session. The state also offers up to 100% textbook reimbursement for Fall/Spring/Summer sessions.

Learn more abou the Nevada National Guard online:

https://nung.nu.gou/

Air National Guard

https://www.airforce.com/ways-to-serve/air-national-guard

Army National Guard

https://www.nationalguard.com/



## **United States Service Acadmies**

Higher education opportunities exist for students who wish to serve their country, including at U.S. military service academies. United States Military Service Academies are four-year federally funded military universities in which appointed students who attend and graduate earn a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission into the U.S. Military.

Most of the academies offer full-ride scholarships. Students who attend the Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, and Military Academies receive a full scholarship, commonly called an *Appointment*. The Merchant Marine Academy has minimal tuition costs.

### Service & Application Proccesses

The general minimum service obligation is 5 years on active duty. Selection is highly competitive and is based on courseload, GPA, leadership potential, extracurriculars, and medical and physical aptitude.

Additionally, there are general basic admission requirements: be a U.S. citizen of good moral character, between 17 and 23 years old by the year of entry, unmarried and without dependents.

Research each academy for specific requirements. It is strongly recommended to take precalculus and calculus courses by your senior year of high school.

### **Application Process**

The process requires a nomination, an application for each academy, a medical exam, and a physical fitness test. Most nominations are made by members of the U.S. Congress through a selective process that requires an application and an interview. Nominations are not guaranteed, therefore, to be competitive it is necessary to submit applications with your U.S. Representative and both U.S. Senators in Nevada. It is your responsibility to be certain that your academy application is complete by the Fall due date for each office. This information can be found on your congressional representatives' federal website.





\*Note, the Coast Guard Academy does not require nominations.

### **High School Juniors**

Many of the service academies have one week programs for high school juniors the summer prior to the start of senior year. Please visit the respective academy websites for application information.



### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

### www.academyadmissions.com

Colorado Springs, CO

### Mission

The mission of the United States Air Force Academy is to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become leaders of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

## Eligibility

To qualify for appointment consideration, you must:

- Be at least 17, but not over 23 on July 1 of the year you are admitted
- Be a United States Citizen\*
- > Be unmarried, with no dependents
- Be of good moral character

The recommended high school course of study is four years each of English, math, and science; three years of social studies; one year of computer science; and two years of a foreign language.

### **Application Requirements**

Below are the general requirements for an application to the USCGA. Please visit the Coast Guard Academy admissions website for details and additional application requirements.

- A Congressional Nomination
- > ACT or SAT Scores by December of your senior year
- Pre-Candidate Questionnaire
- Formal Application (if passed initial screening)
- DoDMERB Medical Evaluation
- Physical Fitness Evaluation



### UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

### www.uscga.edu

New London, Connecticut

### Mission

The mission of the United States Coast Guard Academy is to graduate young men and women with sound bodies, stout hearts and alert minds, with a liking for the sea and its lore, and with that high sense of honor, loyalty and obedience which goes with trained initiative and leadership; well grounded in seamanship, the sciences and humanities, and strong in the resolve to be worthy of the traditions of commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard in the service of their country and humanity.

### Eligibility

The United States Coast Guard Academy is the only Armed Forces service academy which tenders appointments solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition. There are no congressional appointments. The competition for appointment as a cadet is based on:

- Your High School Class Rank
- Your performance on the SAT/ACT exam
- Your leadership potential, as demonstrated by participation in extra curricular activities, community affairs, or employment

You must have reached the age of 17, but not have reached the age of 22 by July 1 of the year you are to be admitted as a cadet. The recommended high school course of study is four years each of English, math, and science; three years of social studies; one year of computer science; and two years of a foreign language.

### **Application Requirements**

Below are the general requirements for an application to the USCGA. Please visit the Coast Guard Academy admissions website for details and additional application requirements.

- SAT or ACT scores by December of your senior year
- Completed online application
- Completed admissions essays
- Completed required and supplemental forms
- DoDMERB Medical Evaluation
- Physical Fitness Evaluation
- Personal Interview



### UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

#### www.usmma.edu

Kings Point, NY

### Mission

To educate and graduate leaders of exemplary character who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces.

### Eligibility

To qualify for appointment consideration, you must:

- ➤ Be at least 17, but not over 25 by the time of entry
- Be a United States Citizen
- Be of high moral character, meet leadership, academic, physical, and medical standards for a U.S. Navy Reserve commission
- Have participated in extracurricular activities
- Obtain a Congressional nomination

The Academy strongly recommends four years of math (calculus), chemistry, and physics.

### **Application Requirements**

Below are the general requirements for an application to the USMMA. Please visit the Merchant Marine Academy admissions website for details and additional application requirements.

- Congressional Nomination
- SAT or ACT scores by February 1 of your year of entry
- Completed online application
- DoDMERB Medical Evaluation
- Physical Fitness Evaluation

Students who graduate from the Merchant Marine Academy have the option to choose the military branch that they serve in either on active duty or as a reservist. Please visit the Merchant Marine admissions website for additional requirements.



## **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (WEST POINT)**

### www.westpoint.edu

West Point, NY

### Mission

The mission of the United States Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

## Eligibility

To qualify for appointment consideration, you must:

- Be at least 17, but not over 23 on July 1 of the year you are admitted
- Be a United States Citizen\*
- Be unmarried, with no dependents or pregnancy
- Have an above-average high school or college academic record
- Perform well on the SAT or ACT

West Point encourages a strong college preparation: four years of English — with emphasis on composition, grammar, literature, speech; four years of math — algebra, geometry, algebra II, trigonometry; two years of a foreign language; two years of laboratory science such as chemistry and physics; and one year of U.S. History.

\*Foreign students may be nominated by agreement between the U.S. and another country.

## **Application Requirements**

Below are the general requirements for an application to the USMA. Please visit the West Point admissions website for details and additional application requirements.

- Congressional Nomination
- Take the SAT by January of your senior year of high school OR
- Take the ACT by February of your senior year
- Pre-Candidate Questionnaire
- > DoDMERB Medical Evaluation
- Candidate Fitness Assessment



### UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**www.usna.edu** Annapolis, MD

### Mission

The mission of the United States Naval Academy is to develop Midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically and imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of Naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government.

### Eligibility

To qualify for appointment consideration, you must:

- > Be at least 17, but not over 23 on July 1 of the year you are admitted
- Be a United States Citizen\*
- Be unmarried, with no dependents or pregnancy
- Be of good moral character
- Be scholastically qualified
- Be physically and medically qualified
- Receive an official preparatory background

Recommended areas of preparation include four years of English; four years of math including algebra, geometry, algebra II, trigonometry, pre-calculus or calculus; two years of a foreign language; two years of laboratory science, including chemistry and physics; one year of U.S. History; one year of world history; and introductory computer courses.

\*There is a limited quota of foreign midshipmen authorized by Congress

### **Application Requirements**

Below are the general requirements for an application to the USNA. Please visit the Naval Academy admissions website for details and additional application requirements.

- Congressional Nomination
- An official high school transcript
- > SAT / ACT Scores
- Pre-Candidate Questionnaire
- DoDMERB Medical Evaluation
- Physical Aptitude Examination
- Completed online application (if passed initial screening)
- > A personal interview



Scholarships are a type of financial aid award designed to help students pay for college. Sometimes a scholarship is a one-time check, and other times it is renewable for each semester (or year) of college. The money-regardless of amount- is typically given directly to the student's financial aid office and the office 'applies' it to the student's account. The student would then pay the college for the difference on any money owed for tuition, fees, room and board, etc. Scholarships come from a variety of

Below is a short list of websites that should be checked regularly as scholarship applications open on a rolling basis throughout the year. Be sure to pay careful attention to deadlines and specific requirements!

different sources, including clubs, businesses, organizations, charities, foundations, colleges, the government, and even private individuals.

- The Public Education Foundation offers scholarships to students in Clark County on a rotating basis. The PEF offers a variety of scholarships for graduating high school seniors as well as current college students, and non traditional students. Be sure to keep updated with their website to see the various scholarships offered throughout the year at: <a href="https://thepef.org">https://thepef.org</a>
- The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada's offer over 30 local scholarships. To view the list of scholarships available, please visit: https://nevadafund.org/scholarships
- To view a list of scholarships available nationwide, you can visit: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

## **Southern Nevada Scholarships**

## HIXON LIED SUCCESS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## www.unlv.edu/asc/scholarships/hixson-lied-scholars

*Sponsor:* University of Nevada, Las Vegas Academic Success Center *Scholarships Awarded:* Multiple

Eligibility: Seniors with a Nevada residency who display financial need and have experienced personal, academic, or financial challenges. A two-page, double-spaced essay demonstrating academic, personal, and/or financial challenges as well as two references, preferably teachers or school personnel are required. An interview will also be extended to certain selected applicants.

Awardees must engage in community service, serve as a peer mentor to other UNLV undergraduate students and future scholars, and contribute to the monthly Hixson-Lied Success newsletter in some capacity.

## JEAN NIDETCH WOMEN'S CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

## www.unlv.edu/wrin/scholarships

Sponsor: University of Nevada, Las Vegas Women's Center Scholarships Awarded: \$500-\$2,500

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering freshmen at UNLV. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Demonstrate financial need per Office of Student Financial Services. Enroll in a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits during semester of award. Address a hardship or adversity you have overcome in your personal statement. One letter of recommendation from a professional person such as a high school principal, counselor, or teacher supporting need and adversity.

## LAS VEGAS NEBRASKANS

## www.lasvegasnebraskans.com/LVNebSchol.html

Sponsor: The Las Vegas Nebraskans

Scholarships Awarded: Varies on Funding and # of Applicants

Eligibility: Senior in a Las Vegas-area high school. Must plan to attend a

four-year college or university in the state of Nebraska.

## MICHAEL T. MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## www.nvcontractors.org/michaeltmartinscholarship.html

Sponsor: Nevada Contractors Association

Scholarships Awarded: \$12,000

*Eligibility:* Graduating students from a high school located within Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, or Lincoln counties pursuing a degree in construction, architecture or engineering. Finalists will be scheduled for an interview.

## Southern Nevada Scholarships Continued

## LAS VEGAS SOUTHWEST ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

## www.lvswr.org

Sponsor: Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club

Scholarships Awarded: \$9,600

Eligibility: The Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club will award one \$9,600 Academic Scholarship to a graduating senior who intends to attend a public college or university in Nevada, i.e., UNLV, UNR, Nevada State College, College of Southern Nevada or other public college in Nevada. The \$1,200 scholarship (per semester) will be awarded on a per-semester basis and is renewable for up to 7 semesters of college as long as the applicant maintains a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 GPA maximum) and completes a minimum of 12 semester hours per semester. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school you are attending for your account. This scholarship is renewable.

## NATIONAL ASSOC. OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: National Association of Women in Construction Las Vegas Scholarships Awarded: 1 award of \$4,000 (\$1,000/semester)
Eligibility: Applicant must be the dependent of a guardian continually employed in the construction or related industry for a minimum of five years. If the parent is currently laid off but has actively worked in the industry within Clark County in the past 12 months, the student may still apply. Application package must include:

- General Information Page
- Financial Statement
- > Authorization Form
- Completed FAFSA
- ➤ Transcript & Test Scores
- > Essay of 400-500 Words
- Guardian's Construction Employment Records for 5 Years
- Two letters of recommendation

\*\*The student must be studying at an undergraduate level in a nationally accredited college or university within the United States.



## **NV ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS SCHOLARSHIPS**

## www.nvenergy.com/about-nvenergy/community/scholarships

Sponsor: NV Energy

Scholarships Awarded: \$1,000

*Eligibility:* High school senior attending school or home-schooled student in Clark County who will pursue a degree at an accredited post-secondary institution. Application must include:

- Transcript with minimum 3.0 GPA & Test Scores
- List of AP Classes, Student Clubs, & Associations
- Three letters of recommendation
- Essay of 100-300 Words on the Importance of Community Service
- Personal statement outlining goals and aspirations
- Resume including community service, # of volunteer hours, school activities, awards & recognition, school & community leadership, & academic achievement.
- ➤ Validation form confirming at least 20 hours of community service within the last 12 months, from your counselor, agency, or organization

Students whose parent(s), guardian(s), or grandparent(s) work for NV Energy are not eligible. All applications should be mailed to Nevada Power. Two scholarships are available for high school seniors, and one is available for a home-schooled student.

## PATRICK KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

## www.pkyf.org

Sponsor: Patrick Kelley Youth Foundation

Scholarships Awarded: \$5,000 over the course of a 4-year degree Eligibility: The Patrick Kelley Scholarship Program is awarded to deserving Las Vegas students seeking an avenue to pursue their academic, social, and personal aspirations. Students are asked to meet at least a 3.0 GPA, participate in extracurricular activities, and volunteer their time and service to local community groups. An essay, 3.0 GPA, and two letters of recommendation are required.



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF GREATER LAS VEGAS

## www.rmhlv.org/scholarship-program

Sponsor: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas

Scholarships Awarded: \$500-\$4,000

*Eligibility:* Senior in Clark or Nye Counties eligible to attend an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study. Have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher. U.S. resident less than 21 years of age. Must complete application and submit certified high school transcript, ACT/SAT test scores, and IRS Form 1040 of parent(s) or guardian(s), one to twopage personal statement, and one or two letters of recommendation.

## UNLV ENGELSTAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## www.unlv.edu/liberalarts/engelstad-scholars

Sponsor: Englestad Family Foundation, UNLV

Scholarships Awarded: \$2,500/semester, up to 8 semesters

*Eligibility:* Scholars admitted to the program are required to complete 100 hours of community service annually through a partnering nonprofit organization. The scholarship awards \$2,500 per semester for up to eight consecutive fall & spring semesters to students who maintain eligibility.

## **UNLV STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS**

## www.caeo.unlv.edu/sss/about

*Sponsor:* University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Various Partners The University of Nevada, Las Vegas offers various scholarships through the office of Student Support Services. Go online to read more about the following available programs:

- Latin Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- Matt Smith Changing Lives Scholarship
- Las Señoras of Excellence / Los Señores of Distinction Scholarship
- Wells Fargo First Generation Scholarship

## CARDENAS MARKETS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

## www.cardenasmarkets.com/about/foundation/scholarships/

**Sponsor:** Cardenas Markets Foundation

Scholarships Awarded: 65 Scholarships totaling \$277,000 in aid Eligibility: The Cardenas Markets Foundation continues its commitment to supporting the communities it serves by providing scholarship funds to students in the areas where Cardenas Markets operates. Recipients will be selected based on their academic qualifications, financial need, leadership attributes and commitment to serving their local community.



## **Northern Nevada Scholarships**

## **AARON ARNOLDSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## www.aamemorial.com/scholarship\_info.fx

Sponsor: The Arnoldsen Family Scholarships Awarded: Various

*Eligibility:* Nevada high school graduates who are enrolled full time at the University of Nevada, Reno and are in their junior or senior class standing. Preference is for students with GPAs between 2.5-3.0 and who are employed during the school-year.

## FRANK M. & GERTRUDE R. DOYLE FOUNDATION, INC.

## www.doylefound.org/scholarships/applications/

Sponsor: Frank M. & Gertrude R. Doyle Foundation, Inc.

Scholarships Awarded: Multiple

*Eligibility:* Scholarship is based on need and merit. Recipients may attend trade schools. Student must be a graduate of specific Northern Nevada high schools listed on the program website.

## **JACK SIMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## www.sitmnv.org

Sponsor: Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

Scholarships Awarded: \$4,000 Maximum

*Eligibility:* To be eligible for the scholarship, applicant must be accepted and enrolled for a minimum of nine (9) graduate level credits in a graduate program at the University of Nevada, Reno. The scholarship will be awarded upon proof of registration and will be paid in one lump sum.

## LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD

## www.sitmnv.org

Sponsor: Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

*Scholarships Awarded:* \$1,000 - \$5,000

*Eligibility:* Must be a woman with financial need who provides primary financial support for herself and family, and be enrolled in or accepted to a vocational/skill training program or an undergraduate degree program.

## NANCY GOMES, MARY GOJACK, SUE CAMP MEMORIAL

## www.sitmnv.org

Sponsor: Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

Scholarships Awarded: \$500 - \$8,000

*Eligibility:* Women who interrupted their academic studies and who now wish to continue or begin pursuing an undergraduate college degree.

## **NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND SCHOLARSHIPS**

## www.nevadawomensfund.org/scholarships

Sponsor: Nevada Women's Fund

Scholarships Awarded: \$500 - \$5,000, multiple

Eligibility: Participant must be a woman attending or wishing to attend a

school in Northern Nevada. GPA of 3.0 or higher

## PENNINGTON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understanding-financial-aid/scholarships

Sponsor: Pennington Foundation

*Eligibility:* Graduates of Washoe County or rural Nevada schools who plan to pursue Business, Engineering, or Physical Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Full time enrollment required.

## PETE AND ANTONIA CLADIANOS SCHOLARSHIP

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understanding-financial-aid/scholarships

Sponsor: Pete Cladianos and Katherine Latham

*Eligibility:* Graduates of any Washoe Co. high school of Greek ancestry who will attend the University of Nevada, Reno. Minimum 2.75 GPA.

## RENO RODEO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understandingfinancial-aid/scholarships

Sponsor: Reno Rodeo Foundation

*Eligibility:* Graduates from rural Nevada high schools who plan to attend the University of Nevada, Reno to pursue any major in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, the College of Science that pertains to pre-veterinary medicine or medicine, or any major in Education, Business, or Nursing. Minimum 3.0 GPA.

## SOROPTIMIST YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

## www.sitmnv.org/scholarships/

Sponsor: Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows

Scholarships Awarded: \$2,000

*Eligibility:* Graduating high school seniors in Washoe County. Emphasis on technical & vocational careers. 2.5 GPA or higher.

## ROBER WISE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understanding-financial-aid/scholarships

**Sponsor:** Robert Wise Trust

*Eligibility:* For either undergraduate or graduate students pursuing Chemistry, Physics, Computer Information Systems or Computer Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno. Full time enrollment, minimum 3.0 UNR GPA required.

## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES IN NORTHERN NEVADA

## www.rmhc-reno.org/what-wedo/rmhc-scholarships/

Sponsor: Ronald McDonald House Charities in Northern Nevada Scholarships Awarded: \$1,000 for student up to 4 years Eligibility: This scholarship is offered to students who demonstrate a blend of financial need, academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Funds are raised through the charity's scholarship committee so we can provide financial assistance.

## STUDENT IN TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP

## assistanceleague.org/reno-sparks/students-in-transition-application/

*Sponsor:* Assistance League of Reno-Sparks and Community Partners *Scholarships Awarded:* Need-based

Eligibility: The scholarship focuses on providing high school graduates the opportunity to enroll in higher education certification programs while gaining necessary skills to improve employment opportunities. Assistance League of Reno-Sparks partners with WCSD Children in Transition (CIT) program and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) Workforce Development and Community Education (WDCE). Our partnerships do not restrict the applicant from entering another accredited vocational or technical training school located in Washoe Co.

## TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

## www.tmcc.edu/foundation/scholarships/

**Sponsor:** TMCC Foundation

Scholarships Awarded: \$500 or more

*Eligibility:* Any current or prospective student may apply. Scholarship awards are based on scholastic merit, college and community service, life circumstances, financial need and major field of study. More than 100 other scholarships available.



## **Statewide Scholarships**

## CARL N. & MARGARET KARCHER FOUNDERS AWARD

Sponsor: Carl's Jr. Restaurants Scholarships Awarded: \$1,000

*Eligibility:* High school senior who is a resident of Nevada among other states. Funds must be utilized at accredited two- or four-year college or university. No major field of study specified. Immediate family members of an employee of Carl's Jr. Restaurants, or one of its affiliates, are ineligible for this scholarship.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NEVADA

## www.nevadafund.org/scholarships

Sponsor: Multiple

Scholarships Awarded: Various

*Eligibility:* Community Foundation of Western Nevada offers a selection of scholarships for students of diverse backgrounds, diverse career fields, and local schools across Nevada.

## **GOVERNOR GUINN MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP**

## www.nvigate.gov/programs/governor-guinn-millennium-scholarship/

Sponsor: State of Nevada Scholarships Awarded: \$10,000

Eligibility: The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship awards up to \$10,000 in tuition to Nevada's brightest students who decide to attend college here in Nevada. The scholarship allows qualified students an opportunity to save a significant amount of money by simply going to school at an in-state college or university. Traditional students graduating from a public, private, or charter high school in the state of Nevada must meet specific requirements to be eligible for this scholarship.

## GLAZING INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

## bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/glazing-industry-scholarship

Sponsor: The Glazing Association of Nevada

Scholarships Awarded: \$1,000

*Eligibility:* High school seniors and post-secondary students in Nevada who are children or grandchildren of individuals who are actively participating in the glazing industry. 2.8 GPA. Transcript. SAT/ACT test scores. Essay of 400 to 500 words. Letter of recommendation by an individual active in the glazing industry who holds a minimum of a supervisory/management position. Family members may not nominate students.



## HORATIO ALGER NEVADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## www.nevadawomensfund.org/scholarships

Sponsor: Horatio Alger Nevada Foundation

Scholarships Awarded: \$2,000/year for up to 5 years

*Eligibility:* Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required), be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

## JAPAN EXCHANGE AND TEACHING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## www.jetaanc.org

Sponsor: JETAANC

Scholarships Awarded: \$1,000

*Eligibility: Eligibility:* High school senior in the 48 northernmost counties of California or Nevada that JETAANC serves. Applicants must possess a sincere interest in Japan, as demonstrated by at least one year of directed interest. Provide a transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a list of extracurricular activities, community service, or part-time work. Essay required.

## LEONARD AND SALLY DETRICK SCHOLARSHIP

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understanding-financial-aid/scholarships

Sponsor: Leonard and Sally Detrick

Scholarships Awarded: Various

*Eligibility:* Transfer students from any Nevada community college to the University of Nevada, Reno. Minimum of 60 transferable hours and financial need required.

## MILLENNIUM PLUS SCHOLARS AWARD

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understanding-financial-aid/scholarships

Sponsor: University of Nevada, Reno

*Scholarships Awarded:* \$50,000 (12,500/year for 4 years)

*Eligibility:* Must be graduating from a Nevada high school with a 3.25 GPA and completing a rigorous high school curriculum. Students interested in receiving the scholarship need to meet the Nevada state scholarship eligibility requirements, which are officially determined in the summer after graduation. Award based on the student's transcript.

## NEVADA AGRICULTURAL FOUNDATION EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP

## www.nvagfoundation.org/

Sponsor: Nevada Agricultural Foundation

Scholarships Awarded: Multiple

*Eligibility:* High school senior. Applicants intending to follow an agricultural curriculum in their post-secondary education. Transcripts and test scores are required.

## REACH FOR THE STARS SCHOLARSHIP

## nsea-nv. org/about-nsea/grants-awards-member-benefits/our-scholarships

Sponsor: Nevada State Education Association

Scholarships Awarded: \$50,000 (12,500/year for 4 years)

*Eligibility:* High school senior. Your application must include your official high school transcript, a letter of acceptance or verifiable proof of enrollment to a licensed or accredited Nevada education institution seeking post-secondary training, an essay of no more than two pages on why this scholarship will help you "Reach for the Stars," a resume and/or biography including school activities, work experience, community, and leadership activities, and two letters of recommendation.

## PROJECT 150 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## www.unr.edu/financial-aid/understandingfinancial-aid/scholarships

Sponsor: Project 150

Eligibility: Seniors with a Nevada residence planning to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, the College of Southern Nevada, Nevada State College or ANY accredited vocational training institute in the state of Nevada, completing a minimum of 9 credits each semester, as well as students currently attending one of the above. Minimum 3.0 GPA for graduating high school seniors and minimum 2.5 GPA for current college students.



## **Statewide Scholarships Continued**

## PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

## www.nshe.nevada.edu

Sponsor: State of Nevada

Eligibility: Established by the Nevada Legislature in 2017, the Nevada Promise Scholarship provides last-dollar financial aid to Nevada students attending any of the state's four community colleges: College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, or Western Nevada College. In order to be considered for an award, interested students must, by established deadlines:

- Complete the Nevada Promise Scholarship application
- Apply for admission to their college of choice
- File a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ➤ Work with mentors and perform 20 hours of community service

## SILVER STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

## www.ssga.upromise529.com

Sponsor: State Treasurer of Nevada

Scholarships Awarded: Up to \$300 per calendar year

*Eligibility:* The Silver State Matching Grant allows qualifying Nevada families, who are Upromise College Fund 529 Plan account owners, to be considered for a matching grant. Beneficiary must be 13 years of age or younger at the time the first matching grant is approved. Both the account owner and the beneficiary must be Nevada residents. The applicant's household adjusted gross income in the prior year must have been \$74,999 or less. Lifetime maximum in matching grants is \$1,500.

## SILVER STATE OPPORTUNITY GRANT

## www.nshe.nevada.edu

**Sponsor:** State of Nevada

Eligibility: The Silver State Opportunity Grant Program (SSOG Program) is a state supported financial aid program created by the 2015 Legislature pursuant to Senate Bill 227. Under the SSOG Program, need-based grants will be awarded to eligible low income students who are college-ready to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). This unique program is built on a shared responsibility model and guided by a philosophy for awarding grant aid based on the total cost of attendance (tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other living expenses) being shared by partners (the state, federal government, family, and the student).



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION BOOKS

Please be aware that book titles may change from year to year.

- A's & B's of Academic Scholarships, Octameron Press
- > Best Buys in College Education, Barron's
- > Black Student's Guide to Scholarships, Beckham Books
- Cash for College: Ultimate Guide to College Scholarships, Harper Paperbacks
- College Costs and Financial Aid Handbook, The College Board
- College Student's Guide to Merit and Other No-Need Funding, Reference Service Press
- ➤ Free \$ for College for Dummies, IDG Books Worldwide Inc
- Financial Aid for African Americans, 2020-2022, Reference Service Press
- Financial Aid for Asian Americans, 2020-20224, Reference Service Press
- Financial Aid for Hispanic Americans, 2020-2022, Reference Service Press
- Financial Aid for Native Americans, 2020-2022 Reference Service Press
- Meeting College Costs: What You Need to Know Before Your Child and Your Money Leave Home, College Board



## **WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE**

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is a tuition-savings program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for students living and going to college in applicable Western states. Through WUE, eligible students can choose from hundreds of undergraduate programs outside their home state, and pay no more than 150 percent of that institution's resident tuition rate. For a list of participating colleges and more information, please visit: https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/

## STUDENT LOANS

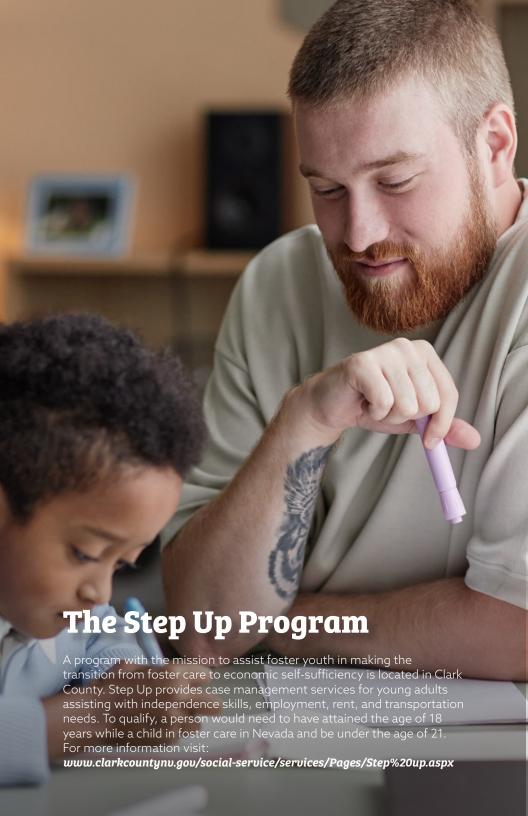
Taking out student loans is often one-way for students to finance their dreams of going to college; however, they must be paid back with interest. Therefore, it is important for prospective students to learn about the different kinds of student loans before borrowing. For a comprehensive look at the types of student loans and how much they could cost you, visit:

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/get-help-paying-for-college/college-loans/types-of-college-loans

For more on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), visit: **studentaid.gov** 

## **FEDERAL PELL GRANTS**

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. The amounts awarded vary based on your Expected Family Contribution, the total cost of attendance for your program, your status as a full or part-time student, and your planned duration of attendance. As long as you stay in compliance with the rules guided by federal financial aid you do not have to pay back the funds granted to you. For more about the Federal Pell Grant program, please visit: **studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell** 



## Post-Secondary Education Support for Nevada Students Who Have Experienced Foster Care

In September 2018, the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)—which oversees Nevada's seven public, nonprofit colleges/universities—launched its systemwide Fostering Success Initiative when the Nevada Board of Regents unanimously approved the NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver—a course registration fee waiver permitting qualifying NSHE undergraduate students to register for classes without being charged course registration or certain laboratory fees—thereby increasing college access for specific students who have experienced foster care.

The initiative's vision is to build a comprehensive, sustainable, and permanent education support system for Nevada students who have experienced foster care—from secondary education completion, to postsecondary education attainment, to a career path.

With the initiative's vision consistently in mind, its mission is to more effectively recruit, support, and retain students who have experienced foster care; and the course registration (enrollment) fee waiver is a key component in achieving that goal for qualifying students (you can learn more about the fee waiver eligibility requirements and benefits below). However, the initiative serves any current or prospective NSHE student with experience in foster care—regardless of when or where they were in foster care, or their eligibility for the fee waiver or other financial aid. NSHE is dedicated to providing both financial and wraparound support, as the higher education system knows that providing funding for students who have experienced foster care is just one crucial step in ensuring their college success.

The seven NSHE college/universities—all of which participate in the systemwide NSHE Fostering Success Initiative and provide the NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver—are as follows:

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas 4-year research university
- University of Nevada, Reno 4-year research university
- Nevada State University 4-year teaching university
- College of Southern Nevada 2-year community college
- Great Basin College 2-year community college
- Truckee Meadows Community College 2-year community college
- Western Nevada College 2-year community college

Please direct any questions related to the systemwide initiative to Laura, at lobrist@nshe.nevada.edu or 702-522-7035 (call or text).



## RESOURCES FOR DACA & UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

As the granddaughter and great granddaughter of immigrants, I understand how important immigrant communities are to the success of this country. My family came to the United States from Mexico and Italy seeking a better life and were willing to put in the hard work to achieve and prosper.

Now, generations later, I'm so proud to have been elected the first woman Senator from Nevada, and the first Latina Senator in American history. And I'm fighting to ensure that in Nevada, and across the country, we have even more firsts. I firmly believe that a student's country of origin or immigration status shouldn't prevent them from pursuing and achieving their dreams.

Below you will find useful college resources for undocumented students, as well as contact details to connect you with specialists on DACA and issues related to immigrant students:

## University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Immigration Clinic: Chief Diversity Officer, Barbee Oakes law.unlv.edu/clinics/immigration Barbee.Oakes@unlv.edu
(702) 895-2080 (702) 895-4593

www.unlv.edu/daca www.unlv.edu/finaid/daca

## RESOURCES CONTINUED

University of Nevada, Reno

(775) 784-1110

www.unr.edu/eotix/undocumented-daca-resources www.unr.edu/financial-aid/apply/non-fafsa-eligible

College of Southern Nevada

(702) 651-5000

## www.csn.edu/all-access-committee

## Western Nevada College

Outreach Coordinator, Lupe Ramirez *lupe.ramirez@wnc.edu* (775) 445-3000

## www.wnc.edu/advising/latino-outreach.php

## Great Basin College

Diversity Advocate, Angie Debraga *lupe.ramirez@wnc.edu* (775) 738-8493

## www.gbcnv.edu/diversity

## Nevada State University

(702) 992-2000

DACA Specialist, Brandi Bruno **Brandi.bruno@nsc.edu** (702) 992-2132

www.nevadastate.edu

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- The Dream Scholarship (Nevada State University) www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship
- Nevada Promise Program

The Nevada Promise Scholarship is a state-supported financial aid program established by the Nevada State Legislature for Nevada high school graduates to attend community college at a reduced cost. It coverts up to 3 years of the base registration and other fees. nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/financial-aid/nevada-promise-scholarship/

The Neplanta Program at Nevada State University www.nevadastate.edu/nepantla/

# **Notes**


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## College Resource Guide

It's my privilege to offer you this guide as a resource for you and your family. Should you need additional help with a federal agency, or if you're interested in learning more about my work for our state, never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Washington, D.C. or in Nevada.









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www.cortezmasto.senate.gov