



# Senior Update

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

-Will Rogers

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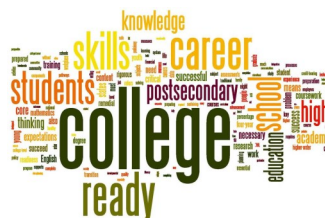
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## Important Deadlines

### HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

1. Visit the institution's admissions webpage.
2. Click on "APPLY NOW"
3. Complete and submit the application and pay the fee.
4. Request an official high school transcript from Parchment. See below.
5. If you are a Concurrent Enrollment student, you will need to request a college transcript at the end of the

school year from the institution(s) that issued the CE credit.



### SCHOLARSHIP vs ADMISSION DEADLINES

Admissions deadlines are often earlier than scholarship deadlines. Please visit the [NHS Counseling webpage](#) for the admission and scholarship deadlines for each Utah college/university.

*DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!*

### Special points of interest:

#### CONNECT WITH US!

**REMIND**—text @ccr2019 to 81010  
**FACEBOOK**—Northridge High School Counseling Center  
**INSTAGRAM**—nhs\_counselingcenter  
**TWITTER**—@nhs\_counseling1

#### Keys to Success—

Download from the Apple App Store or Google

- Create an Account
- Pick career interests!
- Learn about scholarships!!
- Earn prizes!!!!

## Important Information

### ARE YOU GRADUATING?

If you lack academic credit, and/or citizenship credit, *Start Now!* You can review your credits on your Graduation Summary on myDSD. Your counselor will be contacting you and your parent this term, OR you can be proactive and come visit with your counselor for academic make up credit options.

If you have U's, they **must** be cleared before graduation. For citizenship make up, see Mrs. Bitton in the attendance office.

### EARLY GRADUATES

Make sure to see your counselor BEFORE the end of 1st term!

### ACT

Deadline for the October 27 ACT is this Friday, September 28th! Please visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register. This is the last test date seniors can take to qualify for December 1st deadlines!

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch can receive an ACT fee waiver which covers the cost of two ACT tests. Please see your counselor for more information.

Other ACT test dates:  
December 8—register by Nov 2  
February 9—register by Jan 11  
April 13—register by Mar 8

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask a teacher/counselor who knows you best. Give them at least two weeks before the letter is due!

### ARE YOU GOING ON A HUMANITARIAN/SERVICE MISSION OR MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION?

It is strongly recommended you still apply for college admissions and scholarships! After hearing from the schools, you will then defer your admission and scholarships with the school's registrar's office.

### I WANT TO BE...?

There are still internships available 2nd semester. This is a great opportunity to really see what professionals do every day and decide if this is the career you want to pursue.

See Mr. Shaffer in room C138 on B days, or talk to your counselor for more information. Applications are available in the counseling center or in room C138.

### CAREER PATHWAYS

Students who focus on a Career Pathway acquire the skills necessary for entry into well-paid careers. Students who complete a Career Pathway can earn a cord to wear at graduation.

*NHS Pathways can be viewed on the Counseling webpage. Note: requirements are subject to change.*

### NEED A TRANSCRIPT?

Northridge High has partnered with **Parchment** to order and send your transcript and other credentials securely.

An account has already been created for you using your school email address. Log in information will be emailed to your school email address on Monday, October 1.

A link to Parchment is located on the [NHS Counseling webpage](#) under Transcript Requests. The cost is \$3.75 which is worth the cost to request, track, and verify your transcript has been received.



### SENIOR START-UP

On October 11, representatives from Utah colleges, universities, technical colleges, and branches of the military will be at NHS! This is a great opportunity to talk about the application process, admissions deadlines, scholarships, and score some cool swag. Plan on attending from 10:00am-11:00am in the Auxiliary gym.

Be mindful of application, scholarship, and financial aid deadlines! Remember to ask about CAMPUS VISITS and WEEKEND RETREATS!

## Important Dates

### ASVAB

The Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a FREE assessment that is used by the military for career exploration. This is also a great assessment if you are struggling with deciding on career interests. It will be given on JAN 15th at 8:30 am in the NHS JROTC classroom.

Sign up in the counseling center by Dec 20.

### SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGES

The deadline for FREE schedule changes is December 19th. More information will be provided as the time approaches. Be proactive! And get it take care of soon!

See your counselor before or after school or lunch. Refer to your Graduation Summary to make sure you will meet graduation requirements.

There will be a \$10 fee for ALL class changes made after we return from winter break.

### Second Semester—DTC

Please visit with your counselor or Mrs Wootton (all located in the career/counseling center) for details. Remember, the district pays for your tuition until you graduate. If you do not finish your program before graduation, you can apply for the BRIDGES SCHOLARSHIP to help with the cost of tuition.

### FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available beginning October 1, 2018. NHS is offering a **FAFSA completion night on Wednesday, October 24 from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the Career Center**. This help is offered without appointment on a first-come-first-served basis.

### FAQ's

- Even if you have a full ride scholarship or savings to help pay for college, **filing a FAFSA is a good backup plan to cover unexpected expenses**. Many colleges and scholarships require you to file the FAFSA as part of the application process.
- **You never know what financial aid you might end up getting!** Many students file their FAFSA and are surprised to find out that they qualify for a grant or a need-based scholarship.
- **It doesn't take as long as you think.** Usually less than 30 minutes from start to finish!
- **It's not as difficult as you think.** FAFSA on the web ([FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov)) has "Help and Hints" on every section, as well as online chat, phone help, and a frequently asked questions section.
- **You aren't required to accept loans – or any financial aid for that matter.** The FAFSA is just an application.

### UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK November 12th-16th

During Utah College Application Week (UCAW), representatives from Utah colleges and universities will be at NHS to assist YOU in the application process.

Several schools will waive the application fee. They are:

- Dixie State University (DSU)
- Snow College
- Southern Utah University (SUU)
- Utah Valley University (UVU) - Complete the application up-to the point of payment and then attend an open house to finish with a discounted application waiver.

Be sure to ask the representatives from these institutions during Senior Start Up for the code or we will provide the codes during UCAW.

Some schools may have school apparel, food, and other stuff to give away. Don't miss out!



## Scholarships

### Colleges or Universities

Colleges often have scholarship money available that is used to develop the financial package offered to an applicant who has been granted admission. These scholarships are available under a variety of terms that may include maintaining a certain GPA, pursuing a specific major, etc. Types of scholarships given from colleges or universities include:

- Academic Awards
- Departmental Awards
- Athletic Scholarships
- Diversity Scholarships
- Leadership



### REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

All requirements must be met during 9-12

#### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- REQUIRED COURSES
  - 4 credits of English
  - 4 credits of math (Sec Math 1 and higher)
  - 3 credits of social studies
  - 3 credits of lab-based science (biology, chemistry, and physics)
  - 2 credits of the same world language
- 3.3 cumulative GPA
- Earn a composite score of 22 on the ACT
- Meet college enrollment or deferment requirements

#### NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS –

- Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Meet all deadlines
- Graduate from a Utah High School
- Be a US citizen or a non-citizen eligible for federal financial aid.

For more information, visit the [Rules and Requirements for 2019 Graduates](#).

Application Available: Nov. 15  
Priority Deadline: Dec. 7  
Final Deadline: Feb. 1

### DANIELS FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Daniels Scholarship Program provide a four-year annually-renewable college scholarship for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate **exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities**.

The application is available from October 1-November 29.

Students must complete the FAFSA, complete the eligibility questionnaire, one letter of recommendation, and submit the application. must be submitted online through the Daniels Fund's application website.

For more information, visit [The Daniels Fund Scholarship Program](#).

**SCHOLARSHIP WEDNESDAYS!**  
Held in C140 during Tutorial