NORTH SALINAS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

# SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE - CLASS OF 2026

Use this document to keep track of important dates, deadlines, and resources for Senior Year and post-secondary planning.

## ACADEMICS

- **SEMESTER 1 - FALL GRADES:**
  - Progress Report 1: September 9th
  - Quarter 1 Ends: October 10th
  - Progress Report 2: November 18th
  - Quarter 2 / Sem. 1 Ends: **December 19th**
- **SEMESTER 2 - SPRING GRADES:**
  - Progress Report 3: February 18th
  - Quarter 3 Ends: March 20th
  - Progress Report 4: April 28th
  - Quarter 4 / Sem. 2 Ends: **May 28th**

## COLLEGE RESOURCES

- Explore Colleges & Majors, and Launch College Applications through CaliforniaColleges.edu
- **UC Application Link:** Deadline - Dec. 1st
  - apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
- **CSU Application Link:** Deadline - Dec. 1st
  - calstate.cas.myliaison.com
- **CCC Application Link:** Deadline - Varies
  - cccapply.org
- **CommonApp Link:** Deadline - Varies
  - commonapp.org

## WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- **College Application Week:** Flyer Link
  - **Monday, October 20th** - UC Application
  - **Thursday, October 23rd** - CSU Application
  - **Friday, October 24th** - Other Applications
- **Hartnell College Fair:** Flyer Link
  - **Wednesday, October 29th from 6 - 8 pm**
  - Location: Hartnell Main Campus Building C
- **Other Workshops:**
  - Hartnell Dual Enrollment Workshop - Nov. 5
  - After School College Workshops - Nov. 12 & 19

## CAREER RESOURCES

- Explore a variety of Career Pathways and training information through CaliforniaColleges.edu
- Trade and Union Fair: **February 25th, 2026**
- **Other Resources:**
  - Hartnell Programs: hartnell.edu
  - Training Programs: trainingproviderresults.gov
  - Trade Schools: findmytradeschool.com
  - Military: war.gov/about/our-forces
  - CA Career Zone: cacareerzone.org
  - US Bureau of Labor Statistics: bls.gov
  - O*NET Career Search: onetonline.org

## LETTERS OF REC. (LoRs)

- LoRs may be required for scholarships, or other apps
- Usually only 2–3 are needed
- Ask people who know you well
- Provide a brag sheet
- Give 2–4 weeks notice
- Express gratitude
- **Resources:**
  - Brag Sheet - Make a Copy
  - CollegeBoard Tips
  - CommonApp Brag Sheet

## FINANCIAL AID

- Financial Aid Filing Period:
  - **October 1st - March 2nd**
- Counselors will be providing app support in Gov/Econ classes in January 2026
- Workshops will be held in January & February 2026
- **Resources:**
  - FAFSA: studentaid.gov
  - CA Dream Act: dream.csac.ca.gov

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- **"Financial Aid & Scholarships" Classroom:**
  - 3cstiqk
- **Viking Gold Application:**
  - Open to all NSHS Seniors
  - Opens: **November 3rd**
  - Closes: **December 10th**
- **Other Scholarship Sites:**
  - fastweb.com
  - goingmerry.com
  - hsf.net/scholarship
  - cfmco.org/scholarships

## SALINAS VALLEY PROMISE

- 2 years of free in-state tuition, a free laptop or book voucher, support services, and more
- First-time, full-time college students (12+ units per semester) who graduated from a CA high school or adult school, regardless of household income (students must submit FAFSA or CADAA)
- hartnell.edu/support/promise

## CALKIDS

- Eligible students can claim their free $500 College Savings account through CalKIDS
- Check if you're eligible at: calkids.org
- Enter the following information to register:
  - County of school attendance in 2021-2022, Student Birthdate & Student 10-digit SSID
- If you have any issues, call: (888) 445-2377