

SENIOR FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

September 2025



Welcome


This presentation is posted to the McQueen Counseling website. Please note this for later reference.



<https://mcqueen.washoeschools.net/academics/counseling/senior-information>

After the presentation, please see the following tables in the theater foyer:

1. Josten's: Cap & Gown Sales
2. McQueen Boosters: Safe & Sober Night
3. UNR Admissions
4. TMCC Admissions
5. TMCC Career & Technical Education
6. Associated General Contractors



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Diploma Type Quick Review

	Standard	Advanced	Honors
Total Required Credits	23	24	24
Flex Credit	1	0	0
No Course Failures (11 th and 12 th Grade Only)	N/A	N/A	Applies
Minimum World Language Credits	0	0	2
Total Honors/AP/Dual Credits	0	0	8
Minimum Cumulative GPA (Weighted or Unweighted)	None	3.25	3.40



OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Short-Term Certificate Programs

TMCC offers nearly 60 short-term certificate programs that can be completed in 1-2 semesters. These focus on in-demand job skills, such as those in the medical field, information technology, HVAC, and much more.

These help students build their skills and resumes to enter the workforce with greater credentials, which often means greater starting pay in the world of work.

Visit TMCC to learn more

<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/>

TMCC CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES



STACKABLE CREDENTIALS = STACKABLE SUCCESS

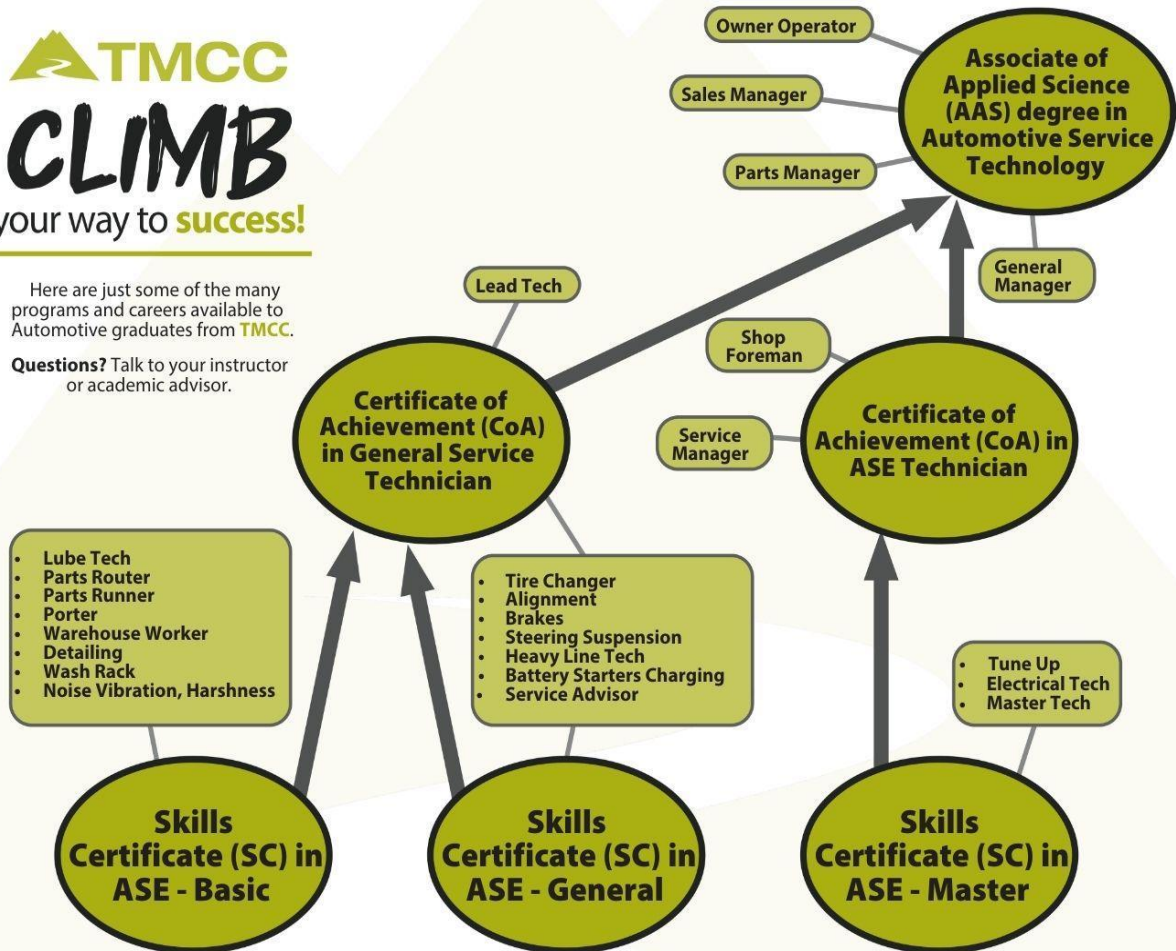


CLIMB

your way to **success!**

Here are just some of the many programs and careers available to Automotive graduates from **TMCC**.

Questions? Talk to your instructor or academic advisor.



**UPDATED
CAREER
MAPS
COMING
SOON!!!**



sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/

Apprenticeships or Military Service

Learn and earn on the job in construction and related industries (i.e., electrician, lineman, ironworker, painter, plumber, sheet metal worker, etc.) by visiting the **Northern Nevada Apprenticeship Coordinator's Association (NNACA)** at www.buildingtradejobs.org or by calling 775-772-7146.

ASVAB

Students interested in joining a branch of the U.S. military should consider taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, which is offered at McQueen. See Ms. Kirk in the College & Career Center, room 503, to sign-up for the ASVAB.

Military Recruiter Contacts

- Air Force 775-443-7458 or www.airforce.com
- Air National Guard 775-233-7219 or www.ang.af.mil
- Army 775-829-2769 or www.army.mil
- Coast Guard www.uscg.mil
- Marines 775-829-8911 or www.usmc.mil
- Navy 503-694-9237 or www.navy.mil



COLLEGE PLANNING

Get to Know Prospective Colleges

UNR and TMCC Field Trips for Seniors

- UNR Nevada Bound Field Trip: Friday, September 19, 2025
- TMCC: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

TMCC Day on the Hill: Saturday, September 27 @ 10am-12:30pm

Lancers Excel

Representatives from UNR and TMCC as well as other colleges will be visiting McQueen's campus this year. Based off of the results of our Senior Survey that was given this week, we will be targeting students to participate in these information sessions and workshops.

College Board Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college>

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE): <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>

How Much Does College Cost?

US Department of Education

- <https://www.usa.gov/estimate-college-cost>

CollegeBoard Net Price Calculator

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/get-started/college-costs-and-college-lists>

Estimate Federal Student Aid

- <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

How Do I Apply For College?

Common App

- Over 1,000 colleges and universities use this platform, including UNR and UNLV
- One application to apply to multiple schools

Directly Through College/University Website

- Example: TMCC

College Essays and Application Fees

Essay

- For colleges/scholarship providers to get to know the student
- Online Resources:
<https://mcqueen.washeschools.net/academics/counseling/senior-information>
- **McQueen College Essay Writer's Workshop: October 1 @ 5pm and during Excel on October 22**

Fee

- Varies by college
- Fee waivers available for those approved through the free/reduced lunch program

Transcript & Test Score Requests

Students are responsible for requesting their official transcript from WCSD by submitting an online request at <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/>. The first four requests per school year are free of charge.

Students are also responsible for requesting their ACT and/or SAT score reports to be sent to their college(s) of choice:

- www.act.org
- www.collegeboard.org

Letters of Recommendation

McQueen Counselors

- Complete the “Request for Letter of Recommendation” form
- Submit form along with updated resume **at least 2 weeks** prior to the deadline date...earlier if possible
- Form can be found on the McQueen Counseling Website or a paper copy can be picked up in the Counseling Office

Teachers/Administrators

- Talk with teachers/administrators now
- Common courtesy – give at least two weeks notice
- Submit updated resume (copy of Request for Letter of Recommendation form is a plus)



**FREE APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL STUDENT AID
(FAFSA)**

Create an FSA ID

This can be completed before the release of the FAFSA

The FSA ID is the username and password you will use to access the FAFSA website. The FSA ID also allows you to sign your FAFSA electronically

Go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

- **Each senior student, along with one or both parents/guardians, will need to create an FSA ID.**
- The student and parent may not share an FSA ID. Your FSA ID is your signature, so it has to be unique to you.
- If you have more than one child attending college, you can use the same FSA ID to sign all applications, but each child must have his or her own.
- If a parent already has one from being in college recently or for another child in college – they will not need to create a new one.
- Note: Each FSA ID user must have a unique mobile phone number and/or email address.

Complete the 2026-2027 FAFSA

Complete this step on/around October 1, 2025

Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or download the free app “myStudentAid” to begin the application

- Use 2024 tax information
- Must complete within 45 days of starting
- **Only takes 20-30 minutes to complete**

Completion

- The FAFSA is not complete until you submit it and receive a confirmation number

FAFSA Help

1. TMCC FAFSA Family Workshop: Saturday, November 15 @ 12pm-3pm
2. McQueen FAFSA Family Night: December 10 @ 6pm
3. TMCC Financial Aid Office:
<https://www.tmcc.edu/financial-aid>
4. UNR Financial Aid Office:
<https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid>
5. Federal Assistance Help Line: 800-433-3243



SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional Aid

Money from in-house scholarship programs at colleges and universities. Institutions have their own requirements and deadlines.

Examples:

- **UNR First-Year Scholarship Matrix:** <https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/first-year-scholarships>
- **TMCC Promise Scholarship:** <https://www.tmcc.edu/Nevada-promise-scholarship>

Nevada Millennium Scholarship

- Graduate with an overall weighted or unweighted GPA of 3.25 **OR** earn an ACT composite of 21 or higher **OR** earn an SAT score of 1070 or higher
- Complete appropriate high school course work (Advanced or Honors Diploma requirements)
- Be a resident of Nevada for at least two years
- Plan to attend a Nevada institution of higher education

There is not an application! Award notifications come by mail in July or August after graduation.

Other Scholarships

McQueen General Scholarship Program

- One completed application package to be considered for multiple awards!
- Application, Essay, and Resume
- Opens September 8, 2025 on McQueen College & Career Center website. Closes October 31, 2025

Other Scholarship Resources

- [McQueen College and Career Center website](#)
- External Scholarship Websites
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.goingmerry.com
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org



TESTING

Should I Take the ACT/SAT Again?

Things to consider...

Sometimes an increase of 1-2 points could mean thousands of dollars

ACT/SAT scores determine:

- Millennium Scholarship potential
- College entrance and college-based scholarship eligibility
 - Is your college test optional?
- Other scholarships
- Exemption from core college classes

National ACT Information

Test includes English, Mathematics, & Reading
(Optional science and writing sections)

Cost

- ACT: \$68
- Science Add-On Fee: \$4
- Writing Add-On Fee: \$25
- Fee waivers available for students who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Registration

- www.actstudent.org
- McQueen's School Code – 290143

National SAT Information

Test includes reading, writing, and math

Cost

- SAT - \$68 (fee waivers available for qualified students)

Registration

- www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat
- McQueen Code – 290143



EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Important Dates

FALL 2025

Josten's Cap & Gown Presentations in Government Classes

Senior Portraits at McQueen

McQueen General Scholarship Application Opens

UNR Prospective Student Presentation

Resume Writing Workshops

UNR Nevada Bound Field Trip (Advance Sign-Up Required)

TMCC Prospective Student Presentation

TMCC Day on the Hill (Prospective Student & Family Event)

TMCC Field Trip (Advance Sign-Up Required)

2026-2027 FAFSA Opens

College Essay Writer's Workshop

Purchase a Yearbook for Reduced Rate of \$85

Homecoming Dance

Financial Aid Presentation

ASVAB (Advance Sign-up Required)

WCSD College Fair

McQueen FAFSA Family Nights

TMCC Promise Scholarship Due Date

McQueen General Scholarship Application Due

McQ Scholarship Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse (Damonte)

Purchase a Senior Yearbook Ad (BEFORE January)

September 2025; Or go to www.jostens.com to order

September 8-11; Sign-up at www.prestigeportraits.com

September 8, 2025

September 17, 2025*

September 18 & October 16, 2025*

September 19, 2025

September 24, 2025*

September 27, 2025 @ 10am-12:30pm

September 30, 2025

October 1, 2025

October 1, 2025 @ 5pm & October 22*

Now – October 3, 2025

October 4 @ The Eldorado

October 15, 2025*

October 17; College & Career Center

October 19; 11-2 @ Reno-Sparks Convention Center

October 22 & December 10, 2025 @ 6pm-8pm

October 31, 2025

October 31, 2025

December 1, 2025

Go to www.yearbookforever.com to place an order

Important Dates

SPRING 2026

UNR Scholarship Presentation	January 14, 2026*
Winterfaire Dance	January 17, 2026
TMCC Information Session	January 21, 2026*
TMCC Foundations Scholarship Presentation	February 4, 2026*
UNR Housing & Student Life Presentation	February 11, 2026*
UNR Scholarship Program	February 15, 2026
<i>(Admissions application must be completed by this date to be considered for institutional scholarships)</i>	
UNR FAFSA Deadline	February 15, 2026
TMCC Promise Scholarship Training	February 18, 2026*
UNR Pack Promise Plus Workshop	March 18, 2026*
UNR Final Admissions Deadline <i>(without scholarship consideration)</i>	April 7, 2026
UNR Open Help Excel Session	April 22, 2026*
ASVAB (Advance Sign-up Required)	TBA
McQueen Career Fair	April 17, 2026
Prom	April 25, 2026
Cap and Gown Distribution to Begin for Eligible Seniors	Mid-May 2026
Knight of Honour Awards Ceremony <i>(By invitation only)</i>	May 20, 2026
Senior Assembly, BBQ, and Sunset Ceremony	May 21, 2026
Last Day of School <i>(This will change if WCSD activates three contingency days)</i>	June 5, 2026
McQueen CO 2026 Graduation & Safe and Sober Night	TBA

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

McQueen's College and Career Center is reaching out to our Lancer families to ask for your help. Scan the QR code and select what you would like to help with. We will send you an email with more details / dates.

Events we may need help with include:

Mock Interviewer
Scholarship Committee Reviewer
Career Fair Vendor / business referrals
Knight of Honour Set up
Fundraising / Donations for event food / scholarships
Parent Chaperones for College and Career Field Trips



**COLLEGE & CAREER
READINESS**



FINAL THOUGHTS

Stay in Touch!

Daily School Announcements

- Announcements are posted on the [McQueen Website](#) each school day

McQueen School Calendar

- <https://www.nnd1.org/public/genie/573/school/7/>

McQueen Counseling

- Lots of resources on the [Counseling Website](#)

McQueen College & Career Center

- Scholarships resources on the [CCC Website](#)
- @mcqcollegeandcareer

McQueen Main Office: 775-746-5880

- Attendance Notifications
- Infinite Campus Login Help
- Student WCSD Login Help
- General Questions

Thank you!

<i>Student Last Name</i>	<i>Counselor</i>	<i>Email</i>
A – C	Mrs. Benson	jbenson@washoeschools.net
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Hp – Mor	Ms. Smith	kmsmith@washoeschools.net
Mos – Sam	Mrs. Parker	erin.parker@washoeschools.net
San - Z	Mrs. Parnell	brandy.parnell@washoeschools.net
College & Career Center	Ms. Kirk	akirk@washoeschools.net