

SENIOR INTERVIEW 2025-2026
IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

<https://reno.washoeschools.net/academics/renohscounselors>

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT: Will be held on **Wednesday, Sept 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the theater.** There will be presentations on Scholarships, Graduation, Boosters, Financial Aid, and Josten's. Parents seeking important information regarding their child's senior year and preparation for the next step should attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The **College and Career Center (CCC)** is the best and most accessible resource for learning about colleges, scholarships, and Financial Aid information. While there will be in person hours available, we highly encourage students and parents to regularly check the CCC website throughout the school year for the latest websites, applications, and general advice. Website: <https://reno.washoeschools.net/academics/collegecareercenter>. Stop by the CCC to see Mrs. Palzkill with any scholarship-related questions. She is amazing!!

RHS In-House Student Scholarships: We are fortunate to have many scholarships that are designated for RHS students only. The **RHS IN-HOUSE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS** will open on **December 1st**- please check the CCC website for links. Please see Mrs. Palzkill if you have any questions.

Millennium Scholarship: There is no application process. Eligible Nevada high school graduates will be notified of their award by mail the first week of August 2026. Please refer to the Millennium Scholarship website for eligibility criteria: https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/

FINANCIAL AID: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) could qualify you for grants, loans, and work-study. Apply on-line at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. The 2026/2027 application (for Fall 2026 admission) will be available **on October 1st, 2025**. Students will create an FSA ID with an email address and security questions. Keep in a safe place as this is valid for 10 years. Federal financial need is based on family economic situation and applications are evaluated on a first-come/first-serve basis. **Need help with FAFSA?** Sign up for one of our **FAFSA Nights** (located in the CCC): Oct. 2nd, Nov. 13th, & Dec. 11th (see Mrs. Palzkill for sign ups)

COLLEGE FAIR: The WCSD College Fair is scheduled for **Sunday, October 19th at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center**. There are many colleges and universities represented as well as breakout sessions on topics such as FAFSA, scholarships, essay writing, letters of recommendation, etc. Preregistration is recommended:
<http://www.washoeschools.net/directory/family-school-partnerships/parent-university/college-fair>

UNR: UNR's application for admission opened August 1st (<https://www.unr.edu/admissions>)

- **Early Action Application Deadline (non-binding): November 15, 2025**
- **Priority Admission for Scholarship Consideration: February 15, 2026**
- **Honors College Priority Deadline February 1, 2026** (must do regular admission application first)
- **Final Admissions Deadline (NO Scholarship Consideration) April 7, 2026**
- **Last day to participate in Advanced Registration: June 15, 2026**

UNR Applicants must have the following to be considered for admission:

- 3.0 Weighted academic grade point average in **CORE** classes (English, Math, Science, Soc. Studies)
 - To calculate your core GPA go to <https://www.unr.edu/prospective-students/agpa-calculator>
- If your core GPA is below 3.0 you can still be considered for admission if you earn an Advanced or College & Career Ready Diploma, or earn a 22 ACT/1120 SAT (and have a minimum 2.0 core GPA)
- Official High School Transcript- must be ordered: <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/>

- 2026 applicants may choose to send official SAT/ACT scores to UNR- used for class placement and **scholarships (UNR is allowing super scoring for scholarships!)**
- Other fees/applications:
 - Advanced Registration fee (\$125- guarantees an early freshman schedule and priority housing) [fee waivers available for qualified students]
 - On-Campus Housing application available November 15th; Feb 1 is the priority cut-off date (space is limited so apply early- \$300 deposit secures your spot and is fully refundable till 6/15)
 - FAFSA- Available October 1st 2025
- UNR Recruiter contact for RHS: Mrs. Elizabeth Nubel Davis (enubel@unr.edu). Text line: 775-682-5914
- **NEVADA BOUND:** Nevada Bound is available for prospective students and parents to visit the UNR campus, learn about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, housing, tour all the residence halls, meet with academic representatives, and participate in informal discussions with current students. We strongly encourage students planning to apply/attend UNR to attend this valuable program. Registration for **Nevada Bound** days is through their website <https://admissions.unr.edu/portal/nevadabound>.

UNLV: UNLV does not require the ACT or SAT for admittance. Students can earn EITHER a 3.0 weighted core GPA, a 22 ACT composite score, an 1120 total SAT score or an advanced or College and Career Ready high school diploma. <https://www.unlv.edu/>

TMCC: <https://www.tmcc.edu/>; TMCC Recruiter: Juan Gomez jgomez@tmcc.edu or text only (775) 204-0595.

- Steps for Enrollment can be found at <https://www.tmcc.edu/steps-to-enroll/degree-seeking>
- Need help applying? Attend an **Application Workshop in the CCC**
- **TMCC Specific Programs**
 - **TMCC NV Promise Scholarship:** Open to all NV residents who plan to enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credits in Fall 2026. Program details can be found at <https://www.tmcc.edu/nevada-promise-scholarship>. **Deadline to apply is October 31st.**
 - **Success First Summer Bridge Program:** Goal is to increase college readiness for first generation college students with financial need by providing a FREE college class: <https://www.tmcc.edu/recruitment-accesscenter/success-first-program>

COMMON APPLICATION: <https://www.commonapp.org/> 900+ colleges use this application portal, and the Common Application provides a complete toolkit of tips and best practices designed to help you complete your applications successfully and on time: <https://www.commonapp.org/counselors-and-recommenders/common-appready> ◦ Application guide and video tutorials are also available on the student account ◦ Must invite Counselor and teacher(s) to complete application process ◦ Notify Counselor ASAP if applying to a Common Application School

- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Colleges often request letters from teachers and/or counselors as part of the application process. Provide teachers/counselors with a resume and plenty of notice. **Review "Letter of Recommendation Required Protocol" form on the RHS counseling website** [under "Senior Information" link].

UC/CSU SCHOOLS: University of California (UC) application is open and the deadline to apply is **November 30, 2025:** <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/uc-system>. California State University (CSU) application opens October 1, 2025 and the deadline to apply is **November 30, 2025:** <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS: All students must use this process when requesting an official transcript. <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/> Fee per transcript is \$10.00 + \$4.00 processing fee for a total of \$14.00 per transcript. **YOUR FIRST (4) TRANSCRIPTS ARE FREE.**

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS (SAT (Reasoning) or ACT): Many colleges are making standardized tests optional. We recommend checking with your specific school to see if they will require them. Seniors who need them should plan to take the SAT/ACT no later than the December testing date. (Testing sites are limited and fill up fast so register early!). Test dates and registration are available online for SAT at <https://www.collegeboard.org/> or for ACT <https://www.act.org/>. Two-year colleges usually administer their own placement tests for English and Math and may not require the SAT/ACT; however, they may want something similar like the Accuplacer. **RHS school code- 290145.**

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER: Students must be approved through the **NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER** if they plan to play sports at a Division I or II University. Check for Eligibility Standards and Requirements. Students must take the following actions:

- Apply online at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> and pay the required fee. **RHS school code is 290145.**
 - Complete the required amateurism acknowledgement form
- Order an official transcript to be sent to the eligibility center <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/>

MILITARY: You need your high school diploma to join the military! Research military options thoroughly and contact local recruiters (see websites and phone numbers below). **Consider taking the ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). You must sign up to take this test. See Mrs. Palzkill in the CCC for more information.

Army: www.army.mil; www.goarmy.com; 829-2769

Marines: www.usmc.mil; www.marines.com; 829-8911

Navy: www.navy.mil; www.navy.com; 331-1126

Air Force: www.af.mil; www.airforce.com; 829-2807

Air National Guard www.ang.af.mil ; 788-4500

Coast Guard: www.uscg.mil; www.gocoastguard.com

Military Careers online: www.todaysmilitary.com

APPRENTICESHIPS: Learn and earn on the job in construction and related industries (electrician, ironworker, NV Energy, painter, plumber, sheet metal worker, etc.). Check out Northern Nevada Apprenticeship Coordinator's Association (NNACA) website at www.buildingtradejobs.org and/or contact them directly at 772-7146.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING WCSD POLICIES

Official transcripts and standardized test scores (SAT, AP, ACT) are the responsibility of the student and are to be ordered and sent by the student to the desired recipient.

Per WCSD policy, the role of Reno High Staff is only to provide guidance to students and families as to where to find pertinent information. RHS Staff will **NOT**:

- Indicate, confirm, or advise student eligibility for **NCAA: All student information can be found on the NCAA website**
- Assume any responsibility for admission requirements to Universities and Colleges: **It is the students' responsibility to research information regarding individual schools, their admission criteria, scholarships, financial aid, etc.**
- Under no circumstances will WCSD staff estimate a student's GPA eligibility for **Millennium Scholarship**:
Millennium Scholarship recipients are not determined until **AFTER** graduation