

College & Scholarship Night

Wednesday September 2, 2026 @ 6pm

Hamilton High Library

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Senior Year Tasks

- Shared/posted through google classroom
- Class of 2027 Google Classroom
 - **Code:7unj4j6**
- Graduation status
 - Aeries.net “Graduation Status Report”
 - Credit deficits/”Night School”
- College admissions requirements
 - Online applications
 - A-G requirements
 - Admission tests: ACT / SAT (NOT REQUIRED)

Senior Year Tasks continued...

- Senior Project Class:

- 3rd period Ms. Garcia
- 4th period Mrs. Bocast
- 6th period Mrs. Bladorn

Reminders & Support in Senior English (limited with BC English) & Braves Time
(Thursdays from 9:44am-10:27am)

- Senior Project Booklet

- Students tab, Counseling, Senior Project Information, Senior Project Guide
- <https://hhs.husdschools.org/counseling/counseling-office/counseling/counseling-office/senior-project-information>

- Financial Aid: 2027-2028 Form coming soon!

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

- FSA ID for student AND parent:

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

- FAFSA: Priority Deadline is March 2
- Financial Aid workshop: Wednesday October 14, 2026 @ 6pm

ACT/SAT

Not Required for Admission
Can enhance application



- ACT \$68.00
 - Base fee (English, Reading, Math)
 - Add-ons: Science (\$4), Writing (\$25)

www.act.org



- SAT \$68.00
 - 50% each: Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>

Applications

■ California Community Colleges

- www.cccapply.org
- Application deadline: open
- Application fee: \$0
- Estimated costs: **\$ 13,416** (on-campus)
- PROMISE GRANT: Enrollment fees waived for 2 years (4 semesters)

■ California State University / CSU: Top 33%

- <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
- Fall 2027 Application deadline: November 30, 2026 (some campuses extend deadline)
- Application fee: \$70 per campus
- Estimated costs: **\$ 22,577**

■ University of California/UC: Top 12.5%

- <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>
- Application deadline: November 30, 2026
- Application Fee: \$80 per campus
- Estimated costs: **\$ 32,400**

Applications continued.....

- Private Universities

- i.e. Simpson, Stanford, UOP

- Application deadlines vary
 - Fees vary **\$ 45,147** (median cost)

- Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

- Fee varies per campus \$30-\$75

- California Colleges

- www.californiacolleges.com
 - www.anycolleges.com
 - <http://californiacolleges.edu/finance/how-much-does-college-cost.asp>

Applications continued.....

■ PROGRAMS

- EOP (S): Educational Opportunity Program: 1st generation college, under-represented minority, financially disadvantaged (income requirements)
- College specific special program(s): Camp (Sac State), MESA, Honors, Summer Bridge,
- Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS): ADA, Special Education, 504, special circumstances
- Early Start: Requires incoming students who do not demonstrate readiness in college-level math and /or English to begin remediation during the summer before coming to the CSU.

Campus Tours

Hamilton High Campus Tours:

- Fall: TBD
- Spring: TBD
- Campus tours: scheduled or self-guided.
 - Open House/Preview Days
 - Group Tours
 - Walking Tours
 - housing
 - dining hall
 - faculty/staff
 - program/major
- Virtual tours on-line

Local Area information

- CSU, Chico Preview Day: Saturday October 10, 2026
 - <https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/events/wildcat-preview.shtml>

Wildcat Weekend: October 8-10, 2026

- Choose Chico: Spring 2027
- Butte College: Spring 2027
- Butte Reg-to-Go Spring 2027 TBD
 - Class Visit: November
 - Career Inventory & Self-assessment:
 - Orientation/Counseling/Registration:

After admission...

- Intent to Enroll
- Housing
- Financial Aid, Grants, Loans (PLUS and student)
- Summer Orientation
- Etc...pay attention to details and deadlines!!!!!!!!
- STUDENT PORTAL & EMAIL

Types of Scholarships

National, Local, Campus or Criteria Specific

- Scholarship booklet includes
 - monthly and alphabetical listing
 - criteria/qualifications
 - amount of award
 - scholarship links
 - local area scholarships
- On-line at:
 - <https://hhs.husdschools.org/counseling/counseling-office/scholarships>
 - Access through Hamilton High homepage, Counseling Tab, select scholarships

“The Scholarship Process”

- **Planning**

- Personal essay (varying lengths, focus on activities, associations, major)
- Career portfolio
- Letters of recommendation
- Awards
- Activity Record

- **Organization**

- **Follow-up**

FINANCIAL AID 2027-2028

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- DREAM ACT (non-resident, AB540 eligible)
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
- CHAFEE (Foster Youth)
<https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/>
- Student and **PARENTS** need FSA ID's **NOW!**
 - <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Locate 2025 Tax info ASAP
- Cal-Grants: GPA verification submitted electronically.
- **Deadline: March 2, 2027**

Hamilton High Financial Aid Workshop:
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HOMEWORK

- Personal Email account to utilize for all college, Financial Aid and scholarship information
- Create an FSA ID Account
 - Parent AND Student Account
 - Need Date of Birth & Social Security Number
- Locate 2025 Tax information. This is helpful for IRS Data Transfer
- Begin requesting/creating items needed for scholarships i.e., letters of recommendation, essay, activity record, awards/certificates
- Mark your calendar for the Financial Aid workshop, Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 6pm, HHS Library