



NORTH SALINAS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE – CLASS OF 2027

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 9th
 - Progress Report 2: November 17th
 - Quarter 2 / Sem. 1 Ends: **December 18th**
- **SEMESTER 2 – SPRING GRADES:**
 - Progress Report 3: February 17th
 - Quarter 3 Ends: March 19th
 - Progress Report 4: April 27th
 - Quarter 4 / Sem. 2 Ends: **May 27th**

COLLEGE RESOURCES

- Explore Colleges & Majors, and **Launch College Applications** through [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://california.colleges.edu)
- **UC Application Link:** Deadline – Nov. 30th
 - apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
- **CSU Application Link:** Deadline – Nov. 30th
 - calstate.cas.myliaison.com
- **CCC Application Link:** Deadline – Varies
 - cccapply.org
- **CommonApp Link:** Deadline – Varies
 - commonapp.org

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- **College Application Week:** [Flyer Link](#)
 - Tuesday, October 20th – CSU Application
 - Thursday, October 22nd – UC Application
 - Friday, October 23rd – Other Applications
- **After School Application Workshops:**
 - Wednesday, November 4th & 18th
- **Financial Aid Workshops:**
 - Dec. 8th, Jan. 20th, Feb. 9th & 25th
- **Scholarship Workshops:**
 - October 27th & February 2nd

CAREER RESOURCES

- Explore a variety of Career Pathways and training information through [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://california.colleges.edu)
- Trade and Union Fair: **February 17th, 2027**
- **Other Resources:**
 - Presentations in the College & Career Center
 - Hartnell Programs: hartnell.edu
 - Training Programs: training.providerresults.gov
 - Trade Schools: findmytradeschool.com
 - Military: war.gov/about/our-forces
 - CA Career Zone: cacareerzone.org
 - 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 November 2026
- All Seniors will submit *either* the FAFSA or CA Dream Act
- **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: **October 27th**
 - Closes: **December 2nd**
- **Other Scholarship Sites:**
 - fastweb.com
 - niche.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