

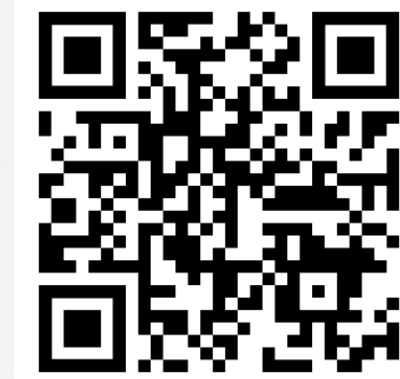
McQueen High Class of 2026

JUNIOR FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT



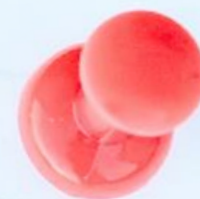
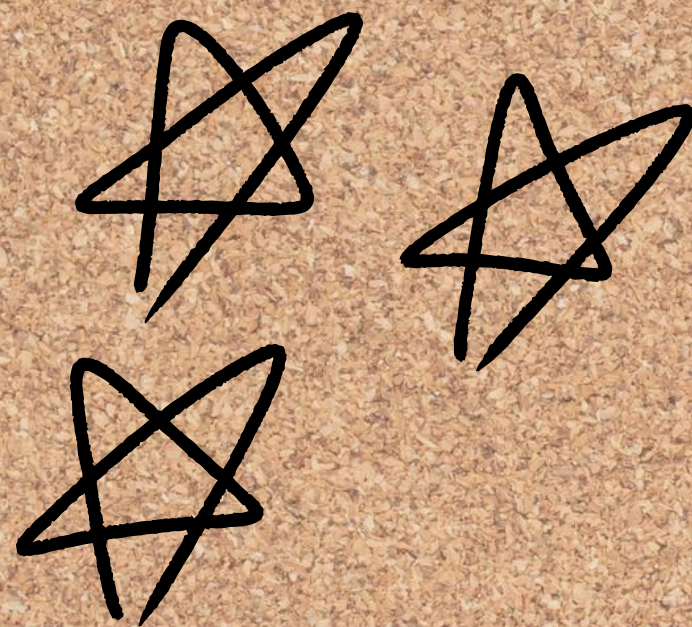


Welcome



For a copy of this presentation:

- Go to the McQueen website <https://www.washoeschools.net/mcqueen>
- Click on “Counseling”
- Click on “Junior Information”
- Click on “2025 Junior Family Information Night Presentation”



Stay Connected





Stay in the Loop

McQueen Counselors and the College & Career Center utilize Lancers Excel throughout senior year for many unique opportunities.

Students can connect with colleges, universities, military recruiters, workforce recruiters, and so much more during Lancers Excel.

Students need to pay attention to daily announcements as well as those through **Canvas** as many of these opportunities require students to sign-up in advance.



Field Trips

McQueen partners with UNR, TMCC, and Tesla for field trips each year. Students need to follow the announcements to learn when these opportunities are coming up so that they can sign-up for them in advance.

Let's
Connect

Instagram

@mcqueencounseling
@mcqcollegeandcareer

Daily
announcements
are posted on the
[McQueen Website](#)



[McQ Counseling
Website](#)



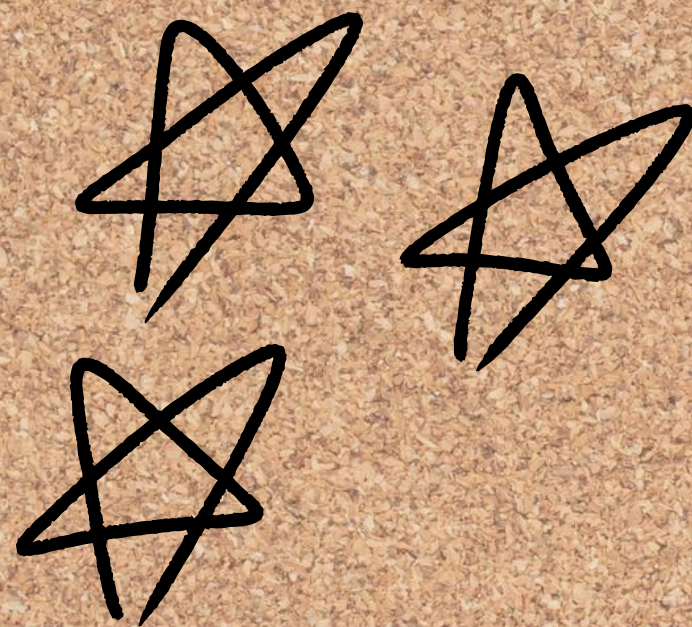
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Graduation Requirements



Standard Diploma*

*Requirements may change for SY 25-26

Course Title/Content Area	# of Credits
English	4.0
Math <i>(Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2 or equivalent)</i>	3.0
Science	2.0
American Government/Economics	1.0
U.S. History	1.0
World History or World Geography	1.0
PE or JROTC	2.0
Arts, Humanities, or CTE	1.0
Computer Science	0.5
Health	0.5
Flex Credit <i>(4th Math in Algebra 2 or higher, 3rd Science, or Level 2 or 3 CTE)</i>	1.0
Electives	6.0
TOTAL	23.0
GPA Requirement	None

Advanced Diploma

Course Title/Content Area	# of Credits
English	4.0
Math <i>(Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2 or equivalent)</i>	4.0
Science	3.0
American Government/Economics	1.0
U.S. History	1.0
World History or World Geography	1.0
PE or JROTC	2.0
Arts, Humanities, or CTE	1.0
Computer Science	0.5
Health	0.5
Electives	6.0
TOTAL	24.0
GPA Requirement	3.25 (Weighted or Unweighted)

No Flex
Credit

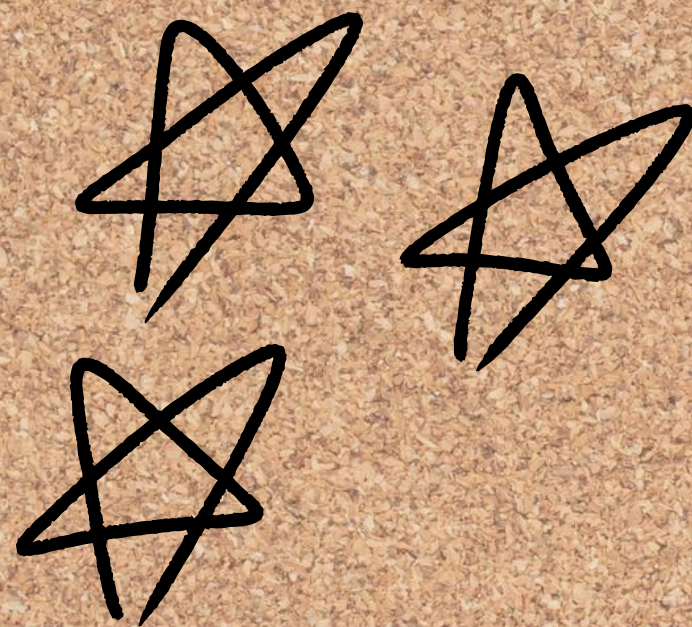
Honors Diploma

Course Title/Content Area	# of Credits
English	4.0
Math <i>(Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2 or equivalent)</i>	4.0
Science <i>(Two must include Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)</i>	3.0
American Government/Economics	1.0
U.S. History	1.0
World History or World Geography	1.0
PE or JROTC	2.0
Arts, Humanities, or CTE	1.0
Computer Science	0.5
Health	0.5
World Language <i>(Both credits in the same language)</i>	2.0
Electives	4.0
TOTAL	24.0
GPA Requirement	3.40 (Weighted or Unweighted)

Must include 8
classes
designated as
Honors, AP, or
Dual Credit

Cannot earn
any F's in
11th or 12th
grade

No Flex Credit



Career Options After High School





TMCC 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.

Go here to learn more:

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



Apprenticeships

Learn and earn on the job in construction and related industries (i.e., electrician, lineman, ironworker, painter, plumber, sheet metal worker, etc.).

Go here to learn more:

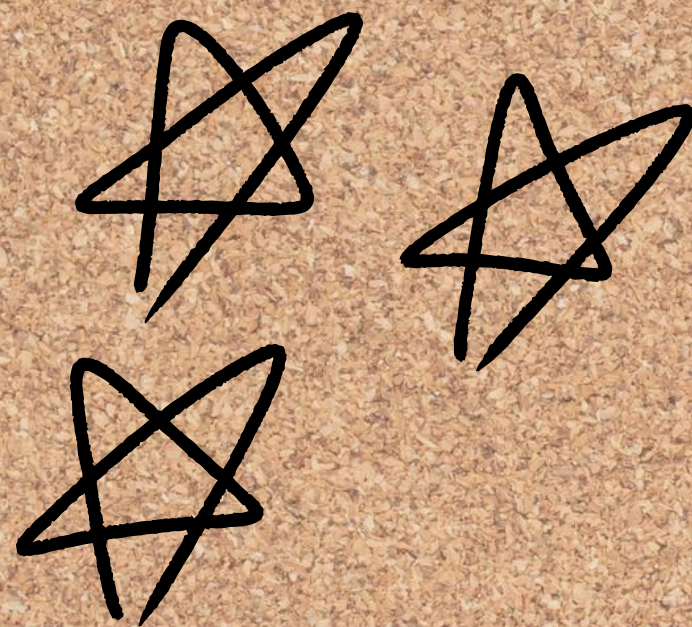
<http://www.buildingtradejobs.org/>



Military Service

Military recruiters visit McQueen several times a year. Students need to pay attention to announcements each day as well as through Canvas to learn how to sign-up for these opportunities during Lancers Excel.

Students should also consider taking the ASVAB at McQueen, which is offered for free two times per year.



Earning College
Credit in High
School



Advanced Placement (AP)

What is it?

Courses that are taught in high school, but at a college level, with the potential to earn college credit based off of the AP exam. Entering college with credit that has already been earned through AP can save time and money, such as skipping introductory courses.

Getting Credit

Colleges set their own policies on awarding college credit for an AP exam score. Go to www.apstudents.collegeboard.org and go to "AP Credit Policy Search" to learn which colleges accept AP scores for credit.

Score Reports

Students have to request College Board send their official score report to the college of their choice. One free score report is sent to the college designated on the test answer document.

AP Scoring

5 = Extremely well qualified

4 = Well qualified

3 = Qualified

2 = Possibly qualified

1 = No recommendation



Advanced Placement (AP)



Cost

AP exams are offered in late spring each year. The cost of each exam is about \$100; however, WCSD received a grant that will be covering this cost for all students for the 25-26 school year.

AP tests occur each May and scores are not received until around mid-July



Dual Credit



1

- College credit is earned, along with high school credit, at a reduced financial cost

2

- Final grades are recorded on BOTH the high school and college transcripts

3


- Students must meet prerequisite requirements in order to enter a dual credit class



McQueen Dual Credit

McQueen partners with TMCC and is a member of the UNR Collegiate Academy to offer dual credit classes on our campus. These are taught by McQueen teachers using TMCC or UNR curriculum.

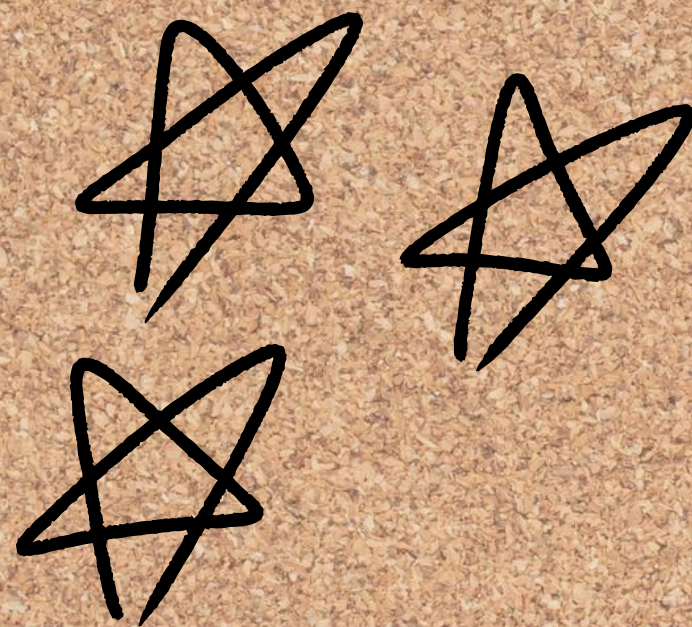
Some dual credit classes are stretched over the full school year, whereas others are in the traditional semester format.



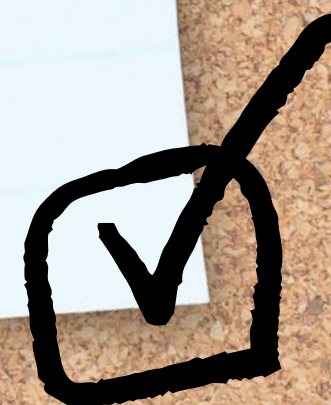
Dual Credit Fees

McQueen dual credit classes are \$75 per class, whereas off-campus dual credit classes that are taken directly through TMCC or UNR cost about \$300 each.

McQueen dual credit fees for the 25-26 school year will be paid for by a grant that WCSD has received. **This WILL NOT cover the fees associated with an off-campus dual credit class that the student takes directly through TMCC or UNR.**



College Planning





College Planning



Factors to consider when selecting a college...

1

- Costs and financial aid

2

- Location

3

- Majors and educational programs

4


- Overall fit and feel

5

- Admissions requirements (i.e., test optional?)

6

- Campus life and housing



College Board Big Future

This is a great tool to begin the college search. Over 1,500 colleges across the country are represented in this search tool. Go here to get started:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college>



Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

This is an agreement among 160+ public colleges and universities to provide nonresident tuition savings for Western students. Go here to learn more:

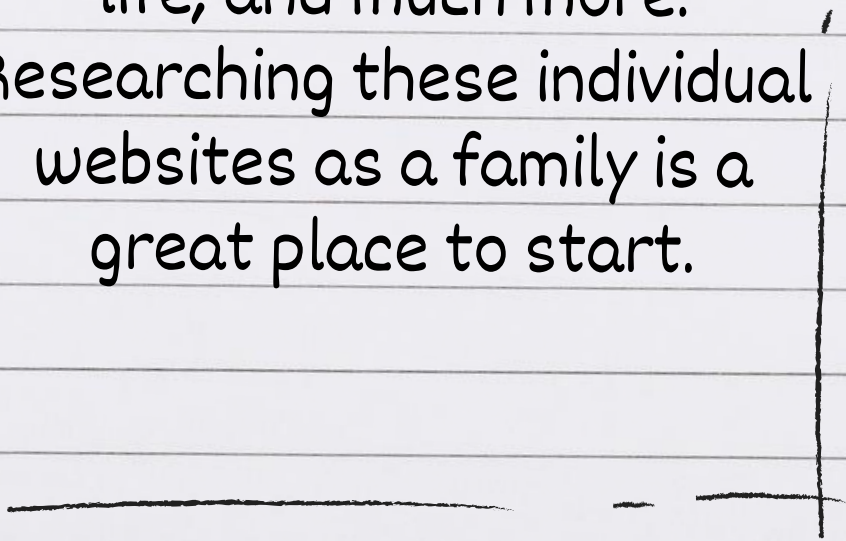
<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>



College Websites

Every college and university in the country has extensive resources on their websites that provide information on admissions, financial aid, majors, housing, campus life, and much more.

Researching these individual websites as a family is a great place to start.





University of Nevada, Reno

Out-of-State College Cost Comparison



University of California

\$14,934 (In-state tuition)

\$50,328 (Out-of-state tuition)



University of Oregon

\$16,137 (In-state tuition)

\$44,598 (Out-of-state tuition)



University of Washington

\$12,973 (In-state tuition)

\$43,209 (Out-of-state tuition)



University of Arizona

\$13,900 (In-state tuition)

\$42,300 (Out-of-state tuition)



University of Colorado, Boulder

\$14,004 (In-state tuition)

\$43,624 (Out-of-state tuition)

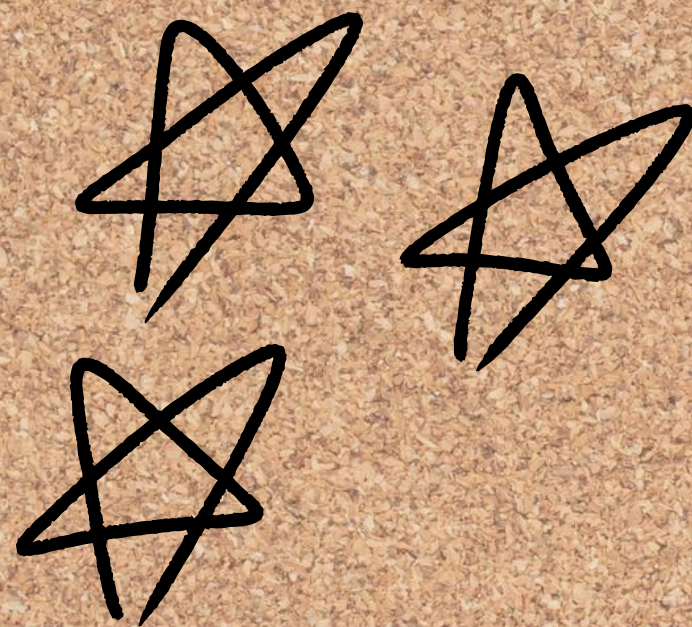
A Top Tier Education

University of Nevada Cost to Attend

- Out of State Tuition: \$27,720
- **In-State Tuition: \$8,430**

Nevada Financial Aid Statistics:

- 57% of students graduate with zero debt
- Average loan amount is below the national average
- \$100+ million awarded in scholarships and grants annually



**College
Admissions**



Factors That Influence an Admissions Decision

Academics
GPA and/or
Class Rank

High School Courses
and Level of Rigor

Honors, AP, or Dual
Credit

Letter of
Recommendation

Any student that needs a
LOR from a counselor
MUST complete a
questionnaire and provide
a minimum **TWO-WEEK
NOTICE**

Standardized Test
Scores (ACT or SAT)
Many "test optional"
schools are moving back
to requiring a qualifying
test score

Student Essay,
Extracurriculars,
Special Talents,
Character



Letters of Recommendation



McQueen Counselors

- Complete the “Request for Letter of Recommendation” form
- Submit form along with updated resume **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS** prior to the deadline date...earlier if possible
- Form can be found on the McQueen Counseling website at <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16331>, 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)

College Essays

- For colleges/scholarship providers to get to know the student
- Generally, students write a personal story about an event or someone who has influenced them
- To stand out...in a good way
- College essay resources can be found here:
<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16331>



College Application Fees

- Varies by college
- Fee waivers are available for those approved through the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Families must re-apply for this program each school year by going here:
<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/1166>



Sending Transcripts

Students are responsible for requesting their official transcript from WCSD by submitting an online request at

<https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/>. The first four requests are free of charge.



ACT/SAT Test Scores

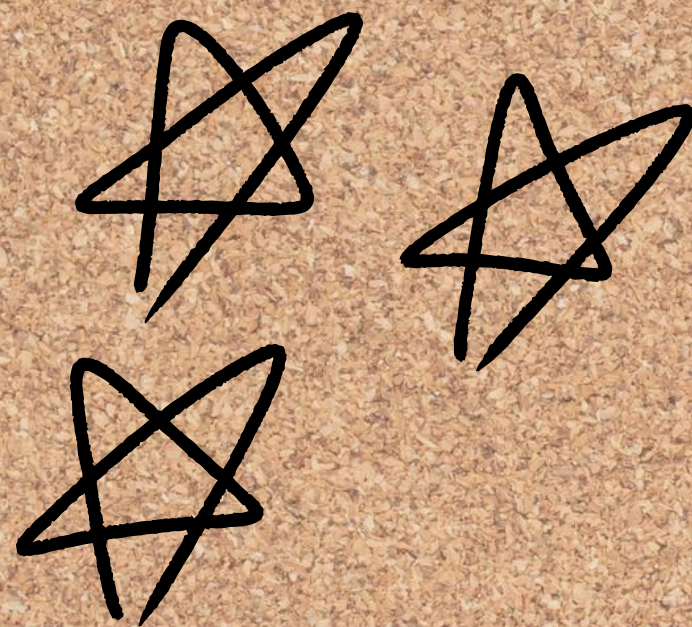
Students must request their ACT or SAT test scores be sent directly to their college of choice by going to:



www.myact.org

www.collegeboard.org





FAFSA & Scholarships





FAFSA

Also known as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Every college-bound student must complete this. Opens each year on October 1st

This is how students learn if they are eligible for any federal financial aid, but colleges also use FAFSA data to make in-house financial aid decisions

Nevada Millennium Scholarship


Any student who earns the Advanced or Honors Diploma will meet the academic requirements for this scholarship. There is also a Nevada residency requirement.

There is not an application!



McQueen Scholarships

We have many partnerships with community organizations and donors to support a scholarship program for the graduating senior class each year. One application and essay for consideration to multiple awards. Typically opens around the Fall of each year.



TMCC Promise Scholarship

Any student, regardless of household income, can apply for this opportunity. Once all steps are completed, this can pay nearly 100% of all tuition and fees for up to three years of college. The due date to apply for this opportunity is October 31 of each year.

Go here to learn more:

<https://www.tmcc.edu/nevada-promise-scholarship>



UNR Scholarship Matrix

When students submit an admissions application, they are automatically considered for New Freshmen Scholarships. There are awards that require a qualifying test score (ACT or SAT) and unweighted GPA, and there are also unweighted GPA-only awards.

Go here to learn more:

<https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/first-year-scholarships>



Scholarship Search

There are many scholarship search resources, to include:



1

- [McQueen College and Career Center Website](#)

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- www.fastweb.com

2

- WCSD College and Career Fair (held each Fall)

5

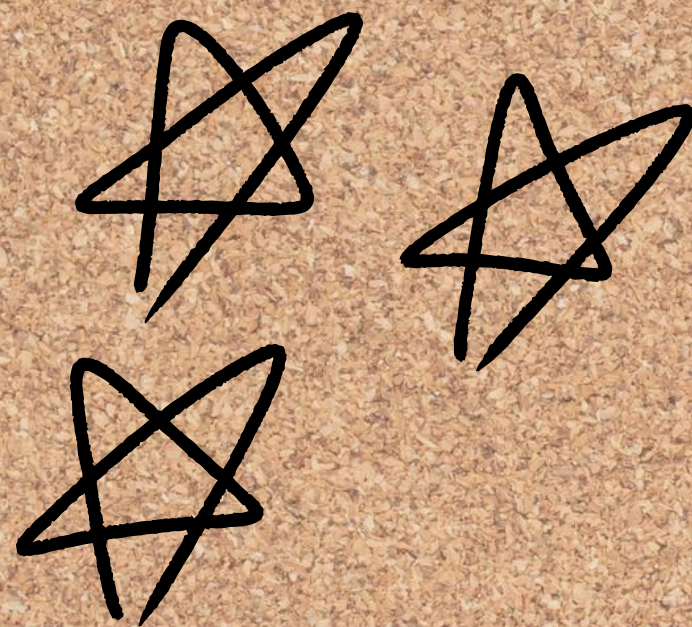
- www.goingmerry.com

3

- College Websites (institutional aid)

6

- www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org



Testing



Testing

1 ACT

All juniors take the ACT at McQueen each spring. Some students elect to re-take the ACT to try to earn a higher score. Sometimes an increase of 1-2 points could mean more scholarship money. Go to www.act.org to learn how to sign up for a National ACT testing session.

2 SAT

Some students elect to take the SAT because they are trying to earn a qualifying score for a college or scholarship opportunity. Research the admissions and scholarship requirements at the colleges the student wishes to apply to determine if this is the right choice. Go to www.collegeboard.org to schedule a National SAT testing session.

3 ASVAB

Also known as the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. This is required for entrance into military service; however, McQueen does not share results with recruiters. This is offered for free two times per school year and results are valid for two calendar years. Students gain access to the Career Exploration Program, which is a robust career interest inventory that focuses on civilian careers.

Institutional Aid Example

This showcases how a higher test score and GPA can earn more scholarship money

NEW FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LEVELS | FALL 2025 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MAY RECEIVE ONE OF THESE AWARDS

Available to Nevada residents, international scholars and non-WUE/PEP recipients. See unr.edu/financial-aid for details.

UNWEIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL GPA¹ | ACT COMPOSITE OR SAT

UNWEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA ¹	ACT SAT	36 1570	35 1530	34 1490	33 1450	32 1420	31 1390	30 1360	29 1330	28 1300	27 1260	26 1230	25 1200	24 1160	23 1130	22 1100	21 1060	20 1030	19 990	18 960
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¹An unweighted GPA is calculated on a scale ranging from 0 to 4.0 and does not assign additional weight for courses like Honors and Advanced Placement.

— OR —
RECEIVE A
SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON
ONLY YOUR
UNWEIGHTED
HIGH SCHOOL GPA

GPA	Scholarship	Award
4.0	Nevada Scholars Level	\$3,000
3.8 - 3.99	Pack Pride Level	\$2,000
3.4 - 3.79	Alphie Level	\$1,500
3.2 - 3.39	Luna Level	\$1,000
3.0 - 3.19	Wolfie Level	\$500

PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL
\$8,000

per year for 4 years of undergraduate study.

NEVADA SCHOLARS LEVEL
\$3,000

1 year award.

PACK PRIDE LEVEL
\$2,000

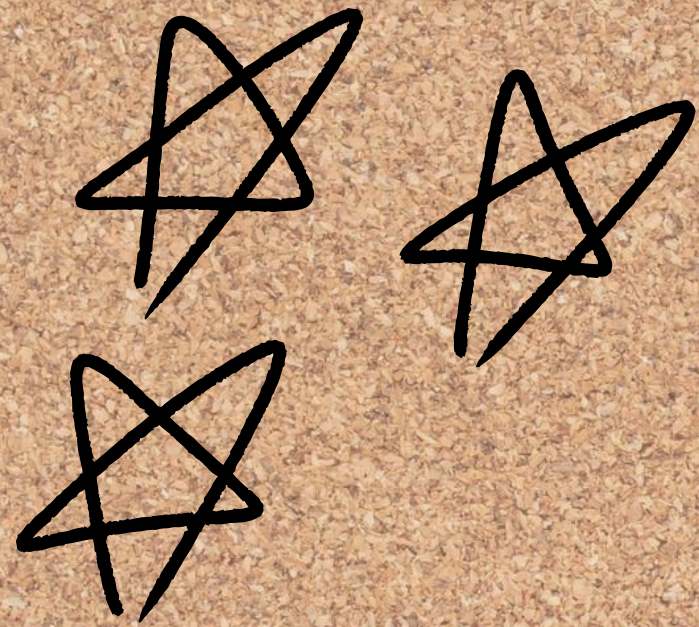
1 year award.

ALPHIE LEVEL
\$1,500

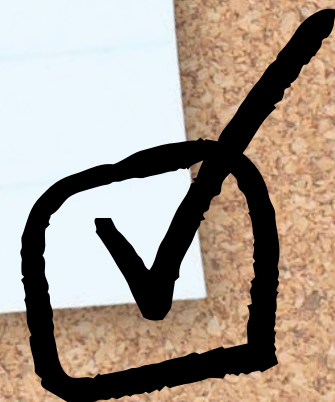
1 year award.

LUNA LEVEL
\$1,000

1 year award.



Important
Events &
Final Thoughts



SY 25-26 Important Events

Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Senior Sunrise Ceremony	UNR Admissions/Scholarship Application Due
UNR Application and Scholarship Workshops	ASVAB Testing Opportunity
TMCC Application and Scholarship Workshops	McQueen Career Fair
Josten's Presentations in Senior Classrooms (cap and gown supplier)	National Honor Society Induction
WCSD College Fair	Cap and Gown Distribution
TMCC Promise Scholarship Application Due	Knight of Honour Awards Ceremony
FAFSA Family Nights	Senior Assembly, BBQ, & Sunset Ceremony
ASVAB Testing Opportunity	Graduation Ceremony
McQueen Scholarship Application	Safe and Sober Night

Exact dates will be forthcoming



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Mos – Sam	Mrs. Parker	erin.parker@washoeschools.net
San – Z	Mrs. Parnell	brandy.parnell@washoeschools.net
College & Career Center	Ms. Kirk	akirk@washoeschools.net

*Case loads are subject to change for the 2025-2026 school year