

SENIOR FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

September 2024



Welcome

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

<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16331>



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 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



COLLEGE PLANNING

Get to Know Your Prospective Colleges

1. **Talk to an expert** (Admissions counselor or recruiter)
 - Various recruiters will be on campus throughout the year
 - Admissions criteria also on college/university websites
2. **Take a campus tour** (In-person or virtual)
3. **College Board Big Future:**
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college>
4. **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):**
<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>

Field Trips & Lancers Excel

UNR and TMCC Field Trips for Seniors

- Nevada Bound Field Trip: October 18, 2024
- TMCC: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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.

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://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16331>
- **McQueen College Essay Writer's Workshop: October 2 @ 6pm**

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)

Changes to the FAFSA

These are some of the main changes to the FAFSA:

- The form will be available on/around **December 1, 2024**
- The number of questions has been reduced (108 to about 36)
- More questions align with federal income tax returns
- Automatic transfer of IRS data to the FAFSA
- Increased aid eligibility for single parents
- Decreased aid for middle- and high-income families
- The number of children in college at the same time will no longer affect eligibility for need-based financial aid
- When parents are divorced, separated, or never married and do not live together, the parent who provides the most financial support will complete the FAFSA with the student (no longer based on which parent the student lives with)

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 2025-2026 FAFSA

Complete this step on/around December 1, 2024

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

- Use 2023 tax information
- Must complete within 45 days of starting
- Do not use any site that charges money for completing the FAFSA = scam
- **Only takes 20-30 minutes to complete**

Completion

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

FAFSA Results

The FAFSA is used to establish the family's Student Aid Index (SAI) which is used to determine student eligibility for federal aid programs such as grants, loans, and work study

Once your FAFSA has been fully processed, your individual SAI and other relevant financial information will appear on a Student Aid Report (SAR)

The Department of Education will issue a copy to the financial aid administrators of the colleges listed on your FAFSA (up to 10)

FAFSA Help

1. TMCC Financial Aid Office:
<https://www.tmcc.edu/financial-aid>
2. UNR Financial Aid Office:
<https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid>
3. **McQueen FAFSA Family Nights:** December 18,
January 29, February 19
4. 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>

Example of Institutional Aid

University of Nevada, Reno Scholarship Matrix

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.

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.

— 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

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 application to be considered for multiple awards
- Application, Essay, and Resume
- Opens September 16, 2024 on McQueen College & Career Center website. Closes October 31, 2024

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, & Science*
(optional writing section)

Cost

- ACT without Writing- \$69
- ACT with Writing - \$94
- Fee waivers available for students who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Registration

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

**The science section is expected to become optional in Spring 2025*

ACT Superscoring

- For students who have taken the ACT more than once since September 2016, ACT will automatically provide a “Superscore” on the ACT score report.
- The ACT Composite score is the average of the four subject scores from one ACT test attempt. The Superscore is the average of the best scores from each subject from multiple test attempts.
- The ACT optional writing section is not figured into a Composite or Superscore.
- **Colleges set their own policies regarding Superscoring, so it is not a guarantee that they will accept a Superscore.**

2024-2025 National ACT Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

**For more information on the ACT or to register for an ACT test, go to www.actstudent.org. When registering for a test, enter McQueen's School Code (290143) so a score report will be sent to the school.*

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

2024-2025 National SAT Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

**For more information, log on to www.collegeboard.org. When registering for the SAT, enter McQueen's School Code (290143) so a score report will be sent to the school.*



OTHER OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Apprenticeships

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.

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/>

Military Service

ASVAB

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

Contacts

- Air Force 775-829-2807 or www.af.mil
- Air National Guard 775-788-4500 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 775-331-1126 or www.navy.mil



EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Important Dates

FALL 2024

Josten's Cap & Gown Presentations in Government Classes

September 6, 2024; Or go to www.jostens.com to order

Homecoming Dance

September 14 @ 7pm-10pm

Purchase a Yearbook for Reduced Rate of \$85

September 15, 2024

McQueen General Scholarship Application Opens

September 16, 2024

UNR Prospective Student Presentation

September 18, 2024*

TMCC Prospective Student Presentation

October 2, 2024*

UNR Application Workshop

October 2, 2024*

College Essay Writer's Workshop

October 2, 2024 @ 6pm

TMCC Application Workshop

October 3, 2024*

Senior Portraits at McQueen

October 7-8; Sign-up at www.prestigeportraits.com

UNR Scholarship Presentation

October 16, 2024*

TMCC Promise Scholarship Presentation

October 17, 2024*

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

October 18, 2024

WCSD College Fair

October 20; 11-2 @ Reno-Sparks Convention Center

ASVAB (Advance Sign-up Required)

October 28; College & Career Center

TMCC Promise Scholarship Due Date

October 31, 2024

McQueen General Scholarship Application Due

October 31, 2024

TMCC Field Trip (Advance Sign-Up Required)

November 19, 2024

2025-2026 FAFSA Opens

December 1, 2024

McQueen FAFSA Family Night

December 18, 2024

Purchase a Senior Yearbook Ad (BEFORE January)

Go to www.yearbookforever.com to place an order

Important Dates

SPRING 2025

UNR Honors College & Financial Aid Presentation	January 15, 2025*
TMCC Information Session	January 22, 2025*
UNR Honors College & Financial Aid Presentation	January 29, 2025*
McQueen FAFSA Family Night	January 29, 2025
UNR Scholarship Program <i>(Admissions application must be completed by this date to be considered for institutional scholarships)</i>	February 1, 2025
Winterfaire Dance	February 15; 7pm-10pm
McQueen FAFSA Family Night	February 19, 2025
ASVAB (Advance Sign-up Required)	TBA
Prom	April 12 or April 26; TBA
TMCC New Student Orientation	April 17, 2025*
TMCC Fall 2025 Course Selection	April 24 and May 1, 2025*
McQueen Career Fair	May 2, 2025
National Honor Society Induction and Senior Celebration	May 12, 2025
Knight of Honour Awards Ceremony <i>(By invitation only)</i>	May 21, 2025
Cap and Gown Distribution to Begin for Eligible Seniors	On/Around May 23, 2025
Senior Assembly, BBQ, and Sunset Ceremony	May 22, 2025
Last Day of School <i>(This will change if WCSD activates three contingency days)</i>	June 6, 2025
McQueen CO 2025 Graduation/Safe and Sober Night	June 11, 2025

**Facilitated during Lancers Excel class period; All dates are subject to change*

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

McQueen's College and Career Center is reaching out to our Lancer families to ask for your help.

Events we may need help with include:

**Mock Interviewer
Scholarship Committee Reviewer
Career Fair referrals
Knight of Honour set up
Fundraising - Donation**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE VOLUNTEER REQUESTS!

McQueen Parent Volunteer
Sign-Up



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS



FINAL THOUGHTS

Communication

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

- <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16182>
- @mcqueencounseling

McQueen College & Career Center

- <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/3530>
- @mcqcollegeandcareer

McQueen Main Office: 775-746-5880

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

Exit Survey

Please complete this short survey to let us know how to improve our process in the future, or to share any remaining questions you may have:

<https://forms.office.com/r/5bNkLaPCdj>



Thank you!

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