

RHS Senior Bulletin...

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Helping students become Competitive College & Career Applicants

Reminders

- www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc This is the most current place to find ALL information about scholarships/financial aid, parent information, FAFSA information... Updated frequently.
- **FREE COLLEGE? YES!** The **Nevada Promise Scholarship** allows FREE tuition to TMCC. YOU MUST APPLY by 10/31/2020 and follow some basic steps. Apply online at www.tmcc.edu
- **Appointments with students:** Email Ms. Ortiz (cortiz@washoeschools.net) if you would like to set up a telephone/virtual appointment.
- **Applying to UNR?** Apply by 11/15 (allows you early access to class registration and to housing if you pay your refundable deposit) www.unr.edu .
- **Nevada Bound tours:** Recommended for seniors considering UNR. Register at <http://webservices.unr.edu/targetx/events/calendar/nevada-bound>
- **TMCC Application** <https://www.tmcc.edu/financial-aid>
- **“Scholarships and Financial Aid”** link on (www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc) is the most up-to date source for LOCAL scholarships. College Greenlight or Finaid.org are great ways to search for National Scholarships.
- **College and Career Center/RHS Library:** Check our websites for the latest information.
- **College/Military Virtual Visits to RHS:** *coming soon, check website....*

Important Dates:

- **TMCC Nevada Promise Scholarship:** **YOU MUST APPLY by 10/31/2020** and follow some basic steps. Apply online at www.tmcc.edu.
- **ASVAB:** Date TBD. Career Exploration program (aptitude test) designed for the military but relevant to all students interested in aligning skills/aptitude/interest with careers. MUST sign up prior to test.
- **UNR: Reno HS virtual visits:** 10/29 2:00pm; 11/13 2:00pm; 12/3 2:00pm; 12/4 Lunch Visit

Testing...Resources

- **ACT Test Dates** (www.actstudent.org): 12/12 (register by 11/6); 2/6 (register by 1/8/2021); 4/14 (register by 3/12/21); 6/12 (register by 5/7/2021); 7/17 (register by 6/18/2021)
- **SAT/SAT Subject Test Dates** (www.collegeboard.org): 11/7 (register by 10/7); 12/5 (register by 11/5); 3/13 (register by 2/12/2021); 5/8 (register by 4/8/2021); 6/5 (register by 5/6/2021)
- **Applying Early Action/Early Decision and want to retake the ACT or SAT/subject tests?** You may still have time to submit your new scores as it varies by college. Check on the college's website.
- **Free online resources:** SAT (www.sat.collegeboard.org/practice/) check out the Khan Academy partnership on the College Board website which allows you to merge your PSAT/SAT test and customize a study plan for FREE; ACT (www.actstudent.org/testprep/)

What Should College Bound Seniors be Doing?

- **Letters of recommendation requests:** Many (not all) colleges require a recommendation letter from your counselor and 1-2 teachers. Identify which teacher/teachers (ideally from your junior or senior year) know you the best, have taught you in a core subject, and can speak to how you show up in the classroom. Ask what they need from you to write an effective letter. And, GIVE THEM A MINIMUM OF 2-3 WEEKS! Respect their time.
 - Request your counselor recommendation online for Common Application schools NOW! Your counselor will upload your transcript for COMMON APPLICATION schools only!!
- **Official transcripts** for all other schools to be ordered at <https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/>
- **Apply!** Applications are open. Don't procrastinate.
- **How will you be paying for college?** Have those critical conversations now. Fill out the **NET PRICE CALCULATORS** for the schools that you are applying to. They give you an estimate of your family's EFC (what it is going to cost you to go there).
- **FAFSA:** Becomes available for the Class of 2021 on October 1st! It uses your 2019 tax information. For more information go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- **Get good grades!** Your grades matter for scholarships, college entrance and work readiness.

Scholarships/Financial Aid... www.washoeschools.net/renohsccc (see Scholarships & Financial Aid/local scholarships tab on right hand toolbar)

- **RHS General Scholarship-** Due 12/15/20. One application makes you eligible for many scholarships. <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/16190>
- **HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIPS.** DUE 10/25/20. National, State, Career and Technical, and Targeted Scholarships available at various amounts (\$10,000 - \$25,000). To view all of them visit <https://scholars.horatiaoalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/>
- **NEVADA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP. DUE 10/31/20.** Complete the application and apply to TMCC by 10/31 to be eligible to receive this scholarship. If you complete all the required steps by their deadlines, you will be eligible to receive free tuition and no mandatory registration fees for up to 3 years. Must be enrolled in 12 credits at TMCC by Fall 2021. For more information visit <https://www.tmcc.edu/nevada-promise-scholarship>
- **COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP.** DUE 10/31/20. National scholarship open to high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, community service and achievement. Apply here <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>
- **IVYPANDA ANNUAL VIDEO CONTEST.** DUE 10/31/20. Make a 30 second to 90 second video on one of three topics given regarding going to college. Be creative, unique and meet all requirements for a chance to win \$500-\$1000. Most votes win. For more information visit: here <https://ivypanda.com/scholarship-video>
- **RUMBA MEATS & USHLI PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP.** DUE 11/30/20. Do you have at least one parent of Hispanic decent, min 2.5GPA, plan on attending 2 or 4 yr high education institution? Non US Citizens (DACA or undocumented) are eligible to apply. Must submit essay. For more information visit: here <https://www.usqli.org/2020/09/01/rumba-meats-ushli-partner-to-award-25000-in-scholarships/>
- **Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows: Youth Scholarship.** Due 01/29/21. A worldwide organization of women that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS** Download the application: <https://sitmnv.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SITM-2021-Youth-Scholarship-Application.pdf> More Information: <https://sitmnv.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SITM-youth-scholarship-letter-2020-2021.pdf>