

# Senior Night

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## Overview

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- Counselor roles & responsibilities
- Senior schedule
- 2-year colleges/TMCC
- UNR
- Millennium/WUE/Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Applying to 4-year colleges

## Roles & Responsibilities

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- Ms. Gamble: Anything **AT** Manogue
  - Class registration, schedule changes
  - Conflicts with teachers/classes
  - Transcripts/GPA
  - Any personal crises
- Mrs. Welmerink: Anything **AFTER** Manogue
  - Career exploration
  - College planning
  - Standardized tests
  - College applications
  - Naviance Family Connection

## Senior Schedule

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- It is **very important** to focus on the classes you are currently in
- Fall of senior year is **just as important** as all of junior year
- Try to not drop any core classes or levels at semester
- Maintain acceptable behavior throughout senior year

Current Schedule
English (Year 4)
Math (Year 4)
Science (Year 4)
Social Science (Year 3)
Religion (Year 4)
THREE Electives

# Adulting

Personal Care	Academics	Administrative
Sleep needs	Schedule planning & management (syllabus)	Maintaining a calendar
Procrastination	When/how to seek help	Meeting deadlines
How to do laundry (wash, dry, fold, dry cleaner)	How to pay attention in class & take notes	Scheduling/canceling appointments
Basic cleaning (kitchen, bathroom, bugs, unclog toilets)	How to manage homework and turn it in on time	Online password/ account security
School/life/work balance	How to study for tests	Creating a budget
How to feed yourself (dining hall, cook basic meals)	How/where to buy needed supplies (books)	Using a credit card responsibly, paying bills
When/how to see medical attention	How to self-advocate with professors & staff	Understanding loans & repayment options

# 2-Year Colleges

- **TMCC**
  - Apply between NOW and April; general education courses fill up
  - Placement test for math and English: ACCUPLACER (on campus, not timed) or ACT/SAT
- **If you plan to transfer to UNR/other 4-year school**
  - Maintain relationship with academic advisor so you know the classes you take are transferable
  - UNR: must complete at least 24 units; Associate's Degree is automatically accepted as a junior
  - UC/CSU: must complete 60 units of general education

## Nevada Promise Scholarship

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- Last-dollar scholarship covering registration & mandatory fees for up to 3 years
  - Last-dollar = remaining cost after gift aid from federal/state agencies (including Millennium)
- Must be continuously enrolled as a full-time student at a Nevada community college (TMCC, WNC)
- Main program requirements
  - Apply to TMCC **AND** the Nevada Promise Scholarship by **October 31**
  - Attend 2 mandatory workshops (fall/spring)
  - Complete the FAFSA
  - Complete 20 hrs of community service (Christian Service Hours COUNT)
  - See website for additional requirements

<http://nvpromise.tmcc.edu> / <http://www.wnc.edu/promise>

## University of Nevada, Reno

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- Meet required course work

English	4 years
Math (through Algebra II)	3 years
Natural Science (w/2 labs)	3 years
Social Studies	3 years

- Minimum 3.0 **weighted CORE** GPA
- A student may waive the GPA requirement with an ACT test score of 22 or an SAT test score of 1120 from a single sitting
- **Application opens (approx.): September 15**

## UNR Scholarships (Automatic)

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- Presidential Scholarship
  - 3.5 GPA and 1420 SAT **OR** 31 ACT (Composite)
  - \$8,000/year for 4 years
- Pack Pride and Nevada Scholar: must re-apply for scholarship after freshman year (2 years **MAX**)
- December is the LAST eligible ACT/SAT test date

**Scholarship deadline for a complete application  
in the admissions office by  
February 1 at 5PM**

## UNR Scholarship Notes

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- If apply/accept to UNR early, student may be eligible to complete an additional scholarship application through MyNevada (*not mandatory*)
- In some cases, a GPA or test score increase may change the scholarship level between application and February 1
- The student is responsible for:
  - Submitting new documents before February 1
  - Requesting a re-evaluation of their financial aid award

# Millennium Scholarship

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- NO APPLICATION
- Eligibility Requirements
  - Citizenship status
  - Graduate with a diploma from a Nevada high school
  - Must finish high school with 3.25 GPA for all coursework **OR** earn  $\geq 21$  ACT or  $\geq 1070$  SAT
  - Be a Nevada resident for @ least 2 years at Nevada high school
  - Completed the core curriculum

English	4 years
Math (including Algebra II)	4 years
Natural Science	3 years
Social Science & History	3 years

# Millennium Scholarship cont.

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- Millennium does not fund remedial courses as defined by any course number below 100
- You have 6 years to use your scholarship for undergraduate coursework only
- Complete your “Acknowledgment of Award” in order to receive award even if you plan to attend college out of state
- You’ll receive the packet during the summer after graduation

# WUE

- **W**estern **U**ndergraduate **E**xchange
- Eligible to request a reduced tuition rate 1.5 times the resident tuition rate

Arizona State University	
Resident (in-state) tuition	\$9,684
Non-resident tuition	\$25,784
<b>WUE tuition</b> (in-state x 1.5)	\$14,526

- Search by major and/or state on website
- [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue)

Participating States
Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
New Mexico
North Dakota
Oregon
South Dakota
Utah
Washington
Wyoming
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## WUE Application/Eligibility

- Eligibility
  - Resident of WUE state (Nevada)
  - Minimum GPA may be required, depending on school
  - ACT/SAT may be required, depending on school
- Apply directly to institution(s) of your choice
- Indicate on application that you are seeking WUE rate (i.e., do not apply as out-of-state student)
- WUE funds are limited: apply early!

## WUE Scholarship Decisions

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- Pay attention to Priority Deadlines
- Schools award funds differently
  - Northern Arizona: all students from WUE state (automatic)
  - Washington State: minimum 3.0 GPA
  - Colorado State: minimum GPA & test score
  - Montana State: additional (short) application
- Not all majors at all schools are eligible for WUE
- Check the individual school website for details

## Where to find scholarships

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- Bishop Manogue website:  
<https://www.bishopmanogue.org/academics/counseling/graduating-senior-scholarships/>
- Nevada Community Fund: [nevadafund.org/receive/](http://nevadafund.org/receive/)
- General website searches: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- RaiseMe: [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)
- Check colleges/majors of interest for additional applications and deadlines
- Make a list of all hobbies and organizations → Google



## Financial Aid: Federal Aid

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

<b>Available</b>	October 1
<b>Deadline</b>	Check school website (February 1)
<b>Cost</b>	Free
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>

- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool – uses information from the taxes you filed in April 2018 (earlier this year)
- Both student and parent need separate FSA IDs (<https://fsaid.ed.gov/>)

## Financial Aid: FAFSA

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- Complete the FAFSA by February 1 even if:
  - You are not sure you are going to college in the fall
  - You have not yet applied for admission
  - You have not yet been accepted anywhere
  - You can only estimate taxes or income for previous year
  - You or your family needs help completing the FAFSA
- FAFSA may be required for scholarships
- Notify FAFSA of address/email changes
- Respond to requests for additional documentation immediately

## CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE

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- Required to apply for non-federal aid from about 400 colleges and scholarship programs
- Use information from taxes filed in April 2018
- More information is required, more allowances made
- ED applicants will likely submit this with their application

<b>Available</b>	October 1
<b>Deadline</b>	Check school website
<b>Cost</b>	\$9 initial application fee, \$16 per school
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/">http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/</a> <b>Use your College Board (PSAT/SAT) log-in for application</b>

## 4-Year Colleges & Universities

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- In general, apply to at least 5 schools
- Only apply to colleges you would/can attend if accepted
- Review and clean-up your online presence
  - Get a professional email address
  - Clean-up your social media accounts
- Stay organized!
  - Are there specific application requirements?
  - What are the deadlines?
  - Check the admissions website for each school on your list

## Build a Balanced College List

School Type	Description
<b>Highly selective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than 10% of applicants admitted</li> </ul>
<b>Reach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less than 25% of applicants admitted OR</li> <li>Below average GPA, mid-50% test score range OR</li> <li>Financial reach for family</li> </ul>
<b>Realistic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fit profile of admitted students</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KNOW that you will be admitted (<u>Example</u>: UNR publishes their admission criteria online)</li> </ul>

- You don't have to apply to every type of school
- Only apply to schools you want to attend; know why each school is on your list

## Early Application Options

	# Early Applications	Binding?	Student decision due
Early Decision (ED)	1	Yes	Before May 1
Early Action (EA)	No limit	No	May 1
Single Choice Early Action	1	No	May 1

- If you are deferred under any early program, you may submit applications to other schools regular decision; the final admissions decision is not binding
- You can turn down an ED acceptance if school cannot meet your family's financial need but it may be difficult and process varies by school
  - Need is determined by formulas, not by what you think you can pay
  - If you want to compare offers, do not apply ED

## Who should apply early?

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- Students who are/have:
  - Strong applications (for the desired school)
  - Satisfied with current grades
  - Satisfied with current test scores
  - Spent time writing and revising essays
  - Requested teacher and counselor recommendations with plenty of notice
  - Sure that s/he would attend the school if accepted ED (not *required* to attend if applying EA)

*Counselor recommendation documents are due BEFORE FALL BREAK if applying at an early deadline*

## Notable Early Deadlines

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School	EA/ED/Priority Deadline
Georgia Tech	October 15 (EA)
Majority of EA/ED Deadlines	November 1/November 15
University of California/Cal State	November 30 (ONLY Deadline)
University of Southern California (USC)	December 1 (for merit scholarships)
University of San Diego	December 15 (ONLY Deadline)

## Multiple Application Systems

- Some schools accept: Common App, Coalition, and a school-specific application  
**Only submit 1 application per school**
- Make the process easy for **you**
  - Choose the application system that fits the majority of your schools (we prefer Common App)
- Make the process easy for **Manogue**
  - Don't request these unless required or recommended:
    - Transcript, Counselor letter, Teacher letter
  - Example: UW & UC **do not** want this information; don't request this information for these schools

## How to apply?

	Application Opens	Regular Decision Deadline
<b>UNR (Standard freshman)</b> <i>www.unr.edu/admissions</i>	September 15	February 1 / April 7
<b>UNR (Honors Program)</b> <i>www.unr.edu/honors/admissions</i>	September 15	February 1
<b>University of California</b> <i>admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/</i>	August 1	November 30
<b>California State University</b> <i>www.calstate.edu/apply</i> (<--NEW!)	August 1	November 30
<b>Common Application</b> <i>www.commonapp.org/</i>	August 1	Varies
<b>Coalition Application</b> <i>www.mycoalition.org</i>	August 1	Varies ( <b>UW</b> : November 15)

## UC: Application

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- One application for all campuses
- Send test scores to one campus (all will receive)
- NO TRANSCRIPTS required for the application; grades are self-reported
  - A final transcript must be submitted in June with your graduation date if you are accepted and decide to enroll
- Essays: Respond to 4 of 8 choices, 350 words each
- No letters of recommendation
  - Exception: Berkeley may request 1-2 letters in December

## UC Application Workshop

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- Wednesday, September 20: 3-4pm
- Led by UC-Berkeley Admissions Officer (virtual)
- Location: Library
- Please register online if you plan to attend (check Weekly Wire for registration link in September)

## UC: Decision Questions

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- If denied, offered admission to another campus?
  - Maybe → IF CA resident, to UC-Merced ONLY
- If denied from major, offered admission to another major?
  - Berkeley → NO, students must apply to one major/college
  - Others → Apply to desired and alternate major, student may receive their alternate/second choice

**ONE DEADLINE: November 30**

## Coalition Application

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- NEW-ish: Third year of availability
- Majority of schools will also accept Common App
  - **Exception:** UW **ONLY** accepts Coalition Application
- Essays
  - Main application: 5 choices (posted)
  - Possible school-specific essay or short answer questions
- If a school requires a transcript, counselor recommendation or teacher recommendation, follow Common App instructions

## Non-Common App: Transcripts

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- Some schools **ONLY** need a transcript (i.e., no counselor or teacher letters of recommendation)
  - Examples: UNR, Arizona State, Boise State (i.e., most public institutions)
- Option 1: Enter Mrs. Welmerink's contact information into online form/application
- Option 2: Complete a Transcript Request Form and turn it in to Ms. Michels in the Counseling Office
- Allow at least 24 hours for processing
- UC schools **DO NOT** need a transcript in the fall

## Common App

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- Accepted by over 700 public & private universities
- Requirements vary by school; know what is needed for YOUR schools
- Common App onTrack app (Apple devices)



## Common App: Transcripts

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- School Documents = Transcripts, school profile, AND counselor letter of recommendation
- 1. See Mrs. Welmerink: provide a resume, complete reflection questions, state earliest deadline requiring recommendation
- 2. Add Mrs. Welmerink as your counselor in application (email address: [Diana.Welmerink@BishopManogue.org](mailto:Diana.Welmerink@BishopManogue.org))

Application Program	Deadline to Request
Early Action/Early Decision	September 28
Regular Decision	November 30

*Letters requested after these deadlines will not be as strong, or may be submitted after the deadline*

## Common App: Teacher Letters

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- Are letters of recommendation required? How many?
- Who to ask?
  - Often required from teachers in **CORE** academic subjects (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language)
  - Typically junior or senior year teachers
  - Consider your intended major/best subjects
  - Good relationship with teacher

## Common App: Teacher LORs

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- See teacher **IN PERSON** to request a letter
- Complete the Teacher Recommendation Form
- Provided completed form and résumé to teacher

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Early Action/Early Decision	September 28
Regular Decision	November 30

*Letters requested after these deadlines will not be as strong, or may be submitted after the deadline*

## Common App: Essay

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- Main application: 7 choices (pick 1), 650 words max
- Supplemental questions
  - Know **WHY** you are applying to every school on your list
- Start this process early and spend time writing/revising

## Standardized Tests

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- Register online at
  - ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - SAT & SAT Subject Tests: [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org)
- BMCHS school code: 290140
- Request official score reports through testing agency website to go directly to schools
  - Request at test registration or on test day
  - If requested after test day, could take up to 4 weeks for school to receive scores
- Test-optional schools:  
<http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

## NCAA Eligibility Center

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- Certification account required if you want to participate at Division I or Division II level
- If unsure, can create a free profile page and roll over to a Certification Account
- When your profile is complete, Ms. Michels will receive a request for a transcript
- Send ACT/SAT test scores from testing agency (code: 9999)

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

## End of the Year Notes

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- Student Responsibilities
  - Advocating for yourself (*if you are waitlisted*)
  - Turn in **ALL** acceptance letters and scholarship offers!
  - Send in **ONE** Statement of Intent to Register by May 1
  - Request a final transcript be sent to the college of your choice from Ms. Michels before graduation

## Text Notifications

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- Students have told us that text is the best way for them to receive updates and announcements about college events and deadlines.
  - First text will be **SHORT** survey about the type of updates you wish to receive.
- Please fill out the half sheet with the mobile phone numbers of those in your family that want to be on the update list & turn it in to us!
  - Student mobile phone
  - Parent(s) mobile phone

# Questions?

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# Thank You!

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