

Nevada Promise Training

Class of 2020

Quick Look

- Established by state legislature in 2017
- Combines scholarship, mentorship, and community service
- Covers tuition and class fees at any participating community college in Nevada (WNC, TMCC, CSN, GBC)
- Does NOT cover books, transportation, or housing
- No minimum GPA, financial need, or 4th year of math required
- Open to all students regardless of citizenship status
- Renewable for up to three years of funding
- Fully transferable between NSHE community colleges; does not provide funding at four-year universities (UNR, UNLV)

Eligibility Requirements/ Deadlines **1st Year Applicants**

- October 31 Apply for Nevada Promise Scholarship ✓
- March 1 Attend a Nevada Promise Training ✓
Complete the FAFSA
- April 1 Submit application for WNC Foundation Scholarship
(Highly Recommended)
- June 1 Complete & Submit 8 Hours of Community Service
Complete Any Financial Aid To-Do List Items
Meet with Assigned Nevada Promise Mentor
- Fall 2020 Enroll in a Minimum of 12 Credits

That's It!

Early Achievers

Students who complete the following steps by **January 1** will be entered into the Early Achievers Raffle for a chance to win a laptop, book stipend, or another great prize!

- Complete the FAFSA
- Complete Financial Aid File (To-Do List Items)
- Complete the Nevada Promise Training
- Complete 8 hours of Community Service

Eligibility Requirements/ Deadlines Returning Students

- No need to reapply! Eligibility continues from previous year.
- January 1 Complete & Submit 8 Hours of Community Service
Meet with Assigned Nevada Promise Mentor
- March 1 Complete the FAFSA
- April 1 Submit application for WNC Foundation Scholarship
(Highly Recommended)
- June 1 Complete & Submit 8 Hours of Community Service
Complete Any Financial Aid To-Do List Items
Meet with Assigned Nevada Promise Mentor
- Fall/Spring Enroll in a Minimum of 12 Credits Each Semester

Communications

- Emails and Text Alerts
 - Confirmation of Application
 - Reminders
- WNC Student Center
 - Financial Aid Verification
 - Amount Awarded
- WNC Canvas (for active students)
- Social Media
 - Deadlines, Articles, Updates, & Volunteer Opportunities
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WNCHighSchool/>
 - Instagram: [@WNC_High_School_Programs](https://www.instagram.com/WNC_High_School_Programs)



Financial Aid Tips & Tricks

- We MUST receive your FAFSA by March 1...
In order for this to happen you MUST:
 - Apply to WNC
 - Ensure that your SSN has been added to your Student Account
(If you apply to WNC using your SSN, you're good!)
 - Add WNC's school code to your FAFSA
- 33% of Students are Selected for Verification...
This means that you must complete additional steps by June 1
 - Verification items will show up under your MyWNC To-Do List
 - Verification items must be completed by **June 1** for Nevada Promise
- Please check your MyWNC account to ensure that your FAFSA has been received and to see if you have been selected for Verification
- Feel free to follow up with Financial Aid if you are unsure of where to look or how to proceed: (775) 445-3264

Community Service

First-Year Applicants:

- 8 Hours between August 1 & June 1

Returning Applicants:

- 8 Hours Each Semester
 - Fall Hours between June 2 & January 1
 - Spring Hours between January 2 & June 1

Think about making a meaningful impact on your community through creative and innovative approaches!



Check for opportunities online:
[https://www.wnc.edu/promise/
community-service/](https://www.wnc.edu/promise/community-service/)

Community Service

What Counts?

- Hours must be with non-profit or public service organization.
- Organization can be religious, but hours cannot include religious recruiting
- You can not receive any type of compensation for your work
- Work can not directly benefit a family member
- Donation of items or money is not considered community service
- Participating in a walk (example Cancer Walk) is not considered community service, but working at the event (i.e. – registration, set-up, event volunteer) will count

Mentorship

Who is a Mentor and How Do I Get One?

- Mentors can be WNC faculty and staff, high school teachers, members of the community, etc.
- Mentors attend a training and are fully background checked
- Mentors are volunteers who want to help you succeed in your transition from high school to college, and beyond!
- Mentors will be assigned in January via email, following completion of Financial Aid Training

Mentorship FAQ

Can I request a mentor?

-Yes, but they must attend a training and be background checked. Mentors are limited to 10 students, so it is possible that your request will not be honored.

Can my aunt (uncle, parent, etc.) or my employer be my mentor?

-No, mentors can not be assigned a mentee whom they employ or who is closely related to them (within the third degree).

The Role of a Mentor

A Mentor *Is* A...

- Resource
- Listener
- Guide
- Cheerleader
- Role Model
- Advocate
- Coach
- Encourager

A Mentor *Is Not* A...

- Parent
- Therapist
- Provider
- Savior
- Tutor
- Best Friend
- Academic Advisor
- Counselor

Mentor Communication

What are the Expectations?

- It is YOUR responsibility to reach out to and meet with your mentor prior to the June 1 deadline!
- To maintain eligibility, you must meet with your mentor a minimum of once each fall and spring semester, beginning Spring 2020
- We encourage you to meet (or at least communicate via email or phone) with your mentor on a monthly basis

Mentorship FAQ

Where can I meet with my mentor?

-We recommend meeting on campus or somewhere else that's public (coffee shop, library, etc.)! Do NOT meet at either your or your mentor's home.

Can my parent come along to meet my mentor?

-Yes, absolutely! We want to make sure that both you and your parent feel safe and comfortable.

Pop Quiz!

Question:

When is the deadline to submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Correct Response:
March 1 – but we recommend sooner!

Question:

How many hours of community service do returning students need to complete?

Correct Response:
16 Hours each Year -or-
8 Hours each Semester

Question:

**If you need assistance selecting classes,
who should you speak to?**

Correct Response:
An Academic Advisor or Counselor
Not a Mentor!

Question:

What is one example of something that will NOT qualify as community service?

Some Possible Responses:
Walking in a Parade/Walk for a Cause,
Babysitting for your Sister/Parent/Relative,
Interning for a Company,
Religious Recruiting, etc.

Question:

What are two locations that would be appropriate for you to meet with your mentor?

**Some Possible Responses:
Library, School, Coffee Shop, etc.**