

Your High School is Invited to Participate in Nevada's College Application Month!



College Application Month, known nationally as the American College Application Campaign (ACAC), is supported by the American Council on Education (ACE) with the goal to provide every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college. Special focus is placed on assisting students who would be the first in their families to attend college, low-income students, and students who may have not otherwise seriously considered applying to college. Nevada will participate for the sixth time this fall as a statewide effort open to all high schools. We know that many high schools already hold events like this, we want to be sure your efforts are counted!

Nevada College Application Month (CAM) encourages students to take a significant step toward college by providing assistance and building excitement around the application process. The goal is to give every graduating senior the opportunity to complete at least one application. Hosting a CAM event builds a college-going culture and allows your high school the opportunity to ensure all high school seniors strongly consider pursuing a postsecondary education. Please allow us to support your school, staff, students, and families through this milestone along the college journey.

Schools interested in hosting a CAM event will be need to set aside time and space **during the school day** for graduating seniors to complete at least one application for any college, university, community college, or trade school. Under the guidance of a Site Coordinator selected by the Principal, schools will ideally spend the weeks leading up to CAM helping students identify the right college fit, drafting essays, and securing all information needed to complete their applications during CAM. After your event(s) have concluded, the Site Coordinator (or the College Representatives if they participated in the events) will be responsible for submitting the sign in sheets to the State Coordinator. All compilations will be handled by the State Coordinator's office. The data we report to the national ACAC is very basic: the number of students in the graduating class, the number of students that submitted at least one application during the event, and the total number of applications submitted during the event. For Clark County schools, there will also be four Apply Nevada! Events scheduled in October. Students can attend one of these events as well. Please visit apply.nevada.edu for more information.

The Site Coordinator will be provided with resource manuals and other documents to assist with the organization of the event, templates for correspondence to students, families, and community organizations, multiple Q & A/training sessions, and assistance with volunteer recruitment if needed. If your school participated in CAM last year, some things have changed for this year so the training is important, although not mandatory. There is a website: <https://nevada.edu/CAM>.

Although October is College Application Month, if your schedules only allow events in September or November, that is fine, it will count just like events held in October. Because of the October 1st FAFSA release, we do recommend that FAFSA completion information be timed around or incorporated into the application process, although not necessarily at the specific CAM event(s).

We realize that most high schools have college application events but may not have participated in this initiative in the past. We encourage all high schools to join this effort and submit your data so we may have complete and accurate information displaying on the national website. Those schools that contact the State Coordinator will be given a supply of #IAPPLIED stickers for students.

To sign up, simply send an email to Janet Stake, State Coordinator at jstake@nshe.nevada.edu to indicate your participation in CAM. Be sure to include the name and email address of the Site Coordinator you have selected for your school. The Site Coordinator will be contacted directly to make sure they have all of the necessary information and support for a successful event.

Thank you for your interest and assistance in making this statewide effort a success!

For more information, contact Janet Stake, GoToCollegeNevada State Coordinator, 775-784-4901, jstake@nshe.nevada.edu.