The Salinas Valley Promise
Fostering a more vibrant, prosperous and safe community.
VISION

The vision of the Salinas Valley Promise is to provide critical resources for local high school students to enroll, persist, and complete college in order to foster a more vibrant, prosperous and secure community. We hope that this initial phase of Hartnell College’s Salinas Valley Promise program will remove financial barriers to entering college and provide an opportunity for everyone to complete a college degree!

Eligibility Criteria for the Salinas Valley Promise

If you meet the following criteria for the Salinas Valley Promise, you will receive the financial support necessary to cover your enrollment fees for your first year of enrollment at Hartnell College.

Frequently Asked Questions

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16. I want to support the Salinas Valley Promise fund as a donor – who do I speak to about making a Promise donation?

Please contact the Hartnell College Foundation at (831) 755-6810 or visit our giving page (https://give.hartnell.edu/donate) and designate your gift to the Salinas Valley Promise if you would like to make a donation. We welcome your support for our students!

“Completion of a college degree or industry certification is more important than ever for high demand, high wage jobs of the 21st century that require advanced skills and knowledge. The Salinas Valley Promise will make college more accessible by eliminating enrollment fees.”

-Willard Lewallen, Superintendent/President
Frequently Asked Questions

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13. Does the Salinas Valley Promise money also cover summer school?

No, at this time, we will not be offering the Salinas Valley Promise for the summer session.

14. How do I enroll as a full-time student at Hartnell?

Please go to our Steps to Success 2.0 (https://www.hartnell.edu/steps-success-20) web page to ensure that you are informed and prepared to enroll and be successful at Hartnell College.

15. Who do I speak to if I have other questions?

Please contact Hartnell College’s Foundation Office at (831) 755-6810 for additional information related to the Salinas Valley Promise.

Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (831) 755-6806 if you have questions regarding filing for financial aid.

Please contact the Admissions & Records Office at (831) 755-6711 if you have questions regarding enrolling at Hartnell College.

Eligibility Criteria

Students must:

1. Be a graduate (high school diploma or GED) of a high school or adult school within the Hartnell Community College District (see FAQ #2), entering college for the first time.

2. Have graduated with a 2.5 GPA or higher AND/OR completed all academic requirements for transfer admission to CSU or UC, also known as A-G completion.

3. You must enroll in 12 or more units each semester.

4. Complete and submit one of the following applications for either federal or state financial aid (whichever you meet the criteria for) and be sure to add Hartnell College to your application:

   The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) (https://fafsa.ed.gov/)

   OR

   The California Dream Act Application (https://dream.csac.ca.gov/)

5. Enroll and persist as a full-time student at Hartnell College during the Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 semesters (12 or more units each semester). Follow this link to our Steps to Success 2.0 (https://www.hartnell.edu/steps-success-20) page to ensure that you are informed and prepared to enroll and be successful at Hartnell College.
Steps for Applying for the Salinas Valley Promise

1. Complete all of the Steps to Success 2.0 (https://www.hartnell.edu/steps-success-20) and enroll at Hartnell College for 12 or more units.

2. Complete a Salinas Valley Promise Application on Academic Works no later than September 28, 2018 (http://www.hartnell.academicworks.com/opportunities/537). Be sure to upload an official OR unofficial copy of your high school transcript. We will not accept any high school diplomas. Please note that the FAFSA application may take 2-4 weeks for Hartnell to receive your file, so please complete this step immediately.

Frequently Asked Questions Continued

11. Do other scholarships and financial aid affect whether or not I receive the Salinas Valley Promise?

The Salinas Valley Promise is an initiative designed to cover one year of enrollment fee costs for full-time students through various funding streams. If you receive a California Promise Fee Waiver Grant, your enrollment fees will be paid through that Grant. In the event that you are not eligible for the California Promise Fee Waiver Grant, and you are eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise Grant, you will receive the Salinas Valley Promise scholarship to pay for enrollment fees.

Private scholarships awarded to students outside of federal or state financial aid will not affect receipt of the Salinas Valley Promise unless the cost of attendance has been reached.

12. If I qualify for financial aid, can I turn down the financial aid and instead receive the Salinas Valley Promise?

No. However, please take note that if state or financial aid does not fully cover the cost of tuition, students who meet all other eligibility requirements for the Salinas Valley Promise will have the remaining tuitions costs covered by the Promise.
Frequently Asked Questions Continued

8. When will I know if I will receive the Salinas Valley Promise?

All applications will be reviewed the week of October 1st and students will be notified via Hartnell student email accounts the week of October 8th.

9. What costs are covered by the Salinas Valley Promise?

The Salinas Valley Promise will cover your first year of enrollment fees for 12 or more units ($46/unit), per semester. Any fees outside of enrollment fees (books, supplies, transportation, living expenses, etc.) will not be included at this time.

10. When and how will I receive the money for the Promise on my student account?

The “Promise” will be posted to your Hartnell student account the week of October 8th and will pay for your enrollment fees. You will be responsible for paying the $10.00 student activity fee each semester. If you apply for the Salinas Valley Promise award and are eligible after you have paid your enrollment fees, you will be eligible for a refund of your paid fees. The refund will take 4-6 weeks to be processed.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise?

Any high school or adult school student who has graduated with a 2.5 GPA or higher, and/or completed all academic requirements for transfer admission to CSU or UC, also known as A-G completion, and enrolls in college for the first time as a full-time (12 units or more per semester) student. Students must also have applied for financial aid through either the FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov/) or California Dream Act Application (https://dream.csac.ca.gov/) in order to apply for the Salinas Valley Promise.

2. Which high schools are included in the Salinas Valley Promise?

All high schools/adult schools that are accredited and within the Hartnell Community College District. Below is the district map:

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### Schools included in Hartnell College’s Salinas Valley Promise

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3. **If I have any early college credit, am I eligible to apply for the Salinas Valley Promise?**

   Yes, as long as you didn’t attend any other college after you graduated from high school.

4. **What happens if I drop below 12 units in a semester?**

   If you drop below 12 units by Friday, September 7, 2018 or later you will forfeit your Salinas Valley Promise funds for the upcoming Spring 2019 semester. However, your enrollment fees will still be paid for the fall 2018 semester.

5. **If I attended Hartnell during the Summer 2018 session as a first-time student am I eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise for the Fall 2018 semester?**

   Yes, as long as you meet all of the eligibility criteria and Summer 2018 was your very first semester of enrollment.

6. **Can I start the Salinas Valley Promise in Spring 2019 or Summer 2019 semester?**

   No, the Salinas Valley Promise is only available starting with the Fall 2018 semester.

7. **Will I be eligible if I am not a U.S. Citizen?**

   All graduates of Salinas Valley feeder high schools are eligible to apply, regardless of their citizenship status. However, students on an F1 visa will not be eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise. Students must meet California residency requirements.