

# HARTNELL COLLEGE SALINAS VALLEY PROMISE 2019-2020



Support, enrichment and free  
tuition for incoming freshmen.



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# About Our Promise

## Program Overview:

The Salinas Valley Promise program at Hartnell College offers a free year of in-state tuition - and much more. We are providing an experience that will support students' personal, academic and professional success. Those who qualify for the Promise will join other Promise students with similar goals and interests. Together, they will participate in a leadership institute, quarterly professional development workshops, and will be mentored by professionals in the community.



## Vision

Hartnell College students will be prepared to contribute as leaders to the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic vitality of our communities and the world.

## Mission

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.



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# Eligibility Requirements for the Salinas Valley Promise

## Program Requirements and Enrollment:

1. In order to qualify for the Salinas Valley Promise Program, students must be a graduate (high school diploma or GED) of a high school or adult school within the Hartnell Community College District, entering college for the first time. Please note: students who participated in dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, or who plan to take a summer class as a first time student are still eligible.

2. Submit one of the following applications for financial aid and be sure to indicate Hartnell College on 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/>)

3. Go to the Hartnell College Salinas Valley Promise webpage and complete the Salinas Valley Promise Interest Form <http://www.hartnell.edu/salinas-valley-promise-2019-2020>. Select your dates for the leadership intensive.

4. Enroll and continue as a full-time student at Hartnell College during the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters (12 or more units each semester) by the last day to add for each semester.

5. Participate in all required program activities including:

- Participation in a three day leadership intensive in Summer 2019. Students choose one session:  
**Session I : July 29-31, 2019      Session II: August 5-7, 2019**
- Meet with a counselor each semester to review your progress, and
- Participate in three mandatory professional development workshops where you will receive mentoring from local professionals.

6. Complete a minimum of 12.0 units and earn a 2.0 semester GPA in Fall 2019 to remain eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise in the Spring 2020 term.

**Students should complete Hartnell College's Steps to Success (found on the Hartnell website) to ensure they are informed and prepared to enroll and be successful at Hartnell.**



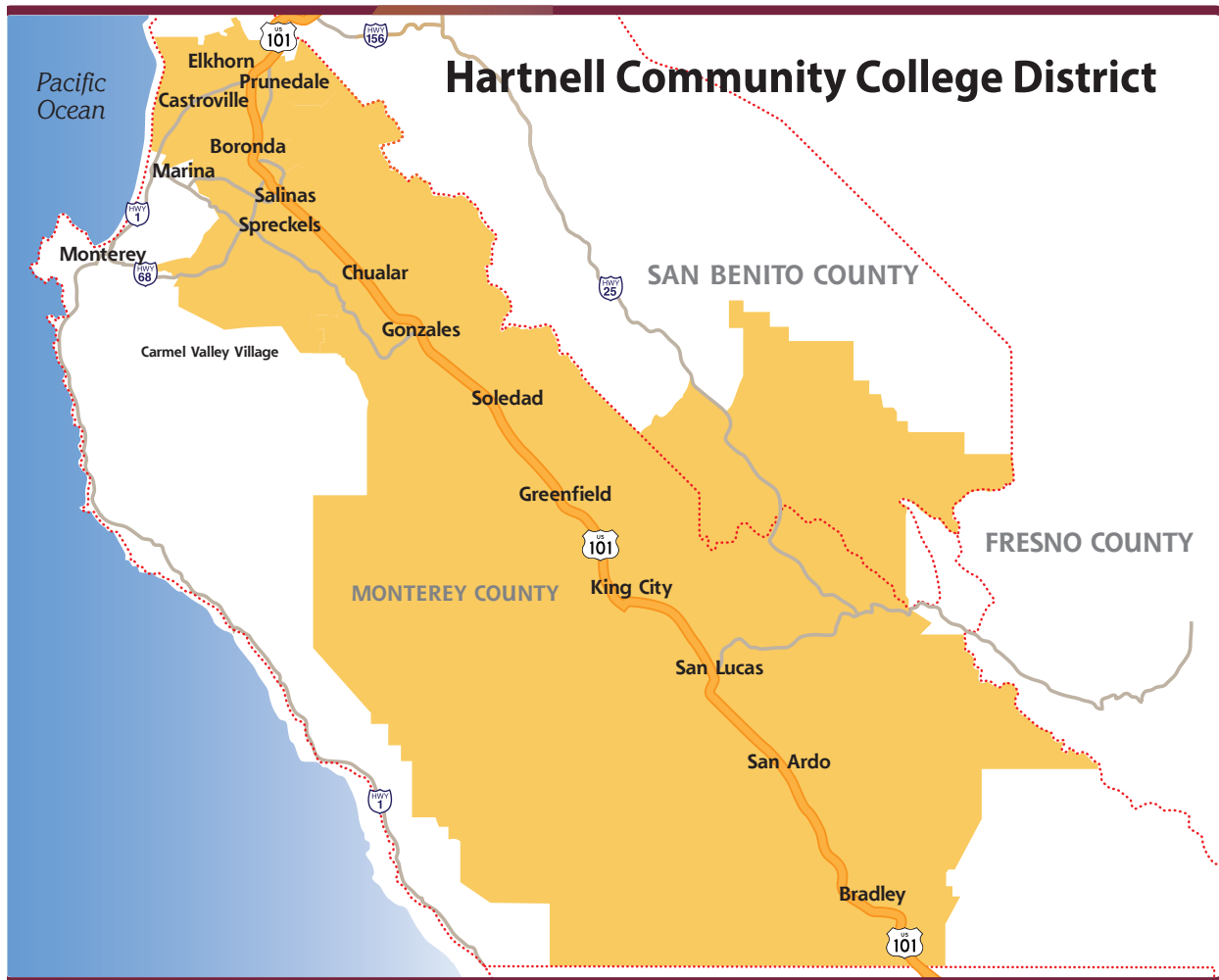
# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who is eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise?

Any high school or adult school student who has graduated from a high school or adult school in the Hartnell College district and enrolls in college for the first time as a full-time (12 units or more per semester) student. Students must 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 qualify for the Salinas Valley Promise.

## Which high schools are included in the Salinas Valley Promise?

The map below shows district boundaries:



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### **If I have any early college credit (through dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment), 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 or adult school.

### **If I attend Hartnell during the Summer 2019 session as a first-time student am I eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise for the Fall 2019 semester?**

Yes, as long as you meet all of the eligibility criteria and Summer 2019 was your very first semester of enrollment.

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

If you drop below 12 units you will forfeit your Salinas Valley Promise funds for the upcoming Spring 2020 semester. (Please note: requirements for the California Promise Grant, formerly known as BOG Fee Waiver, are different.)

## Schools Participating in Hartnell College's Salinas Valley Promise\*

Alisal High	Monterey County Home Charter	Pinnacles High
Carr Lake Community Day	Monterey County Special Education	Portola-Butler Continuation High
Central Bay High (Continuation)	Mount Toro High	Prunedale Christian Academy
El Puente	North Monterey County Adult School	Salinas Adult School
EPIC de Cesar Chavez	North Monterey County Center for Independent Study	Salinas Community (MCOE)
Everett Alvarez High	North Monterey County High	Salinas High
Gonzales Evening High	North Salinas High	Soledad Adult
Gonzales High	Notre Dame High	Soledad High
Greenfield High	Palma High	Soledad Transition Center
Hillsview Christian School	Pinnacle Academy Charter	Somavia High
King City High	Independent Study	Temple Philadelphia Christian Academy
Millennium Charter High		Wellington M. Smith, Jr. (MCOE)
Mission Trails ROP		

*\*If your school does not appear on this list and you are still interested in participating in the Salinas Valley Promise, please contact Special Programs at (831) 755-6723.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What if I earn less than a 2.0 GPA in a semester?**

If you do not complete a minimum of 12 units or earn at least a 2.0 GPA in the fall term, you will not be eligible to receive the Salinas Valley Promise funds in the spring 2020 semester. You will be responsible to pay your enrollment fees. (Please note: requirements for the California Promise Grant, formerly known as BOG Fee Waiver, are different.)

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

No. The Salinas Valley Promise is only available starting with Fall 2019.

### **If I have a disability, and am eligible for accommodations and services through the Department of Supportive Programs and Services (DSPS), can I also apply for the Salinas Valley Promise in a semester?**

Yes, having a disability and being eligible for accommodations and services through DSPS does not negatively impact your eligibility for being a recipient of the Salinas Valley Promise. Students with disabilities are encouraged to plan ahead with a DSPS counselor in preparing the Salinas Valley Promise application, after completion of the FAFSA or the California Dream Act application.

### **Can I participate in the Salinas Valley Promise if I am an undocumented student?**

Yes. However, students must meet in-state tuition requirements. Undocumented students must submit a non-resident tuition exemption form in order to qualify as California residents for tuition purposes under AB 540, AB 2000, or SB 68. If you need assistance completing or submitting the form, please contact Hartnell's Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) at (831) 755-6723.

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

All graduates of Salinas Valley high schools and adult 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.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **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. If you meet all of the eligibility requirements and are accepted into the Salinas Valley Promise Program, you will receive an added benefit of either a laptop or the equivalent value in a voucher for either meals or books (approximately \$300 value).

### **How will I receive the money for the Promise on my student account?**

The “Promise” will be posted to your Hartnell student account and will pay for your enrollment fees. You will be responsible for paying the \$10-per-semester student activity fee.

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

The Salinas Valley Promise is intended to cover one year of enrollment fee costs for full-time students through various sources of funding. 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 Grant, and you are eligible for the Salinas Valley Promise Grant, you will receive the Salinas Valley Promise Grant to pay for enrollment fees.

Private scholarships awarded to students outside of federal or state financial aid will not reduce the amount provided through the Salinas Valley Promise unless total funds awarded exceed the total cost of attendance at Hartnell.

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

No. However, please note that if state or financial aid does not fully cover Hartnell enrollment fees, students who meet other eligibility requirements for the Salinas Valley Promise will have the remaining enrollment fees covered by the Salinas Valley Promise Grant.





## Frequently Asked Questions

### Does the Salinas Valley Promise money also cover summer school?

At the present, we are not offering the Salinas Valley Promise for the summer session.

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

Please go to Hartnell College's Steps to Success webpage to ensure that you are informed and prepared to enroll and be successful at Hartnell College.



### Who do I speak to if I have other questions?

Please contact Hartnell College Special Programs Office at (831) 755-6723 for additional information related to the Salinas Valley Promise.

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

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

### I want to support the Salinas Valley Promise fund as a donor. Whom 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/dontate>) and designate your gift to the Salinas Valley Promise.





## Thank You

Hartnell College task force has worked closely with Superintendent/ President Dr. Willard Lewallen and the Hartnell College Foundation to develop a comprehensive college promise strategy that will increase opportunity and success for Salinas Valley students. This work was further supported by a Salinas Valley Promise committee, consisting of the following members: Alfred Diaz-Infante, Andrew Myrick, Aurelio Salazar Jr., Elliott Robinson, Esther Rubio, Kate Roberts, Margaret D'Arrigo-Martin, Mike Briley, Olegario Gomez, Dr. Pablo Romero, Rene Mendez and Ruth Rodriguez. The extensive contributions by both teams have been instrumental in launching this meaningful initiative.

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