



### News from Ms. Greene, BRACE Advisor

Greetings from the Brace Office! Please call (754) 323-1817 with any questions you may have regarding BRACE News.

**Bookings** - I have set up my Bookings App page. If you would like to schedule a brief meeting (25 minutes or less) **or** a post-secondary conference (approximately 45 minutes) you can log in to:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MsGreeneBraceAdvisor@browardcountyschools.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Brace Office Website:

[bit.ly/sbhsbrace](http://bit.ly/sbhsbrace)

Hello Senior Scholars!

## The next SAT is March 13.

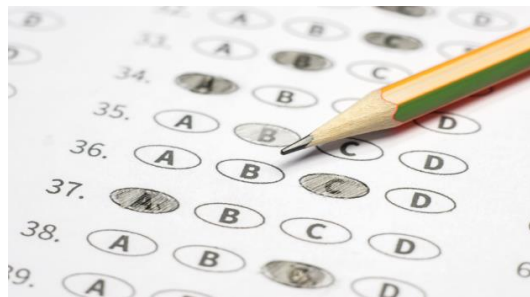


**February 12**  
Registration deadline



**March 2**  
Late registration deadline

Taking the SAT will get you one step closer on your path to college. You can also get ready for test day for **free** with [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®](#).



**Fee Waiver clarification** - There has been some confusion regarding fee waivers. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are entitled to take the SAT and ACT using fee waivers. College Board (SAT) offers 2 test waivers and ACT offers 4 testing waivers. Students need to contact me for these waiver codes. Students who use a fee waiver to test are entitled to college application waivers. If you have used a fee waiver to take the SAT, your college application waiver is in your college board account. You will need to print (or upload) the documents. If you took the ACT, I could give you an additional 4 waivers. Depending on the school, you may need to scan and upload or email the waivers.

Once a student uses a fee waiver with College board, College board will upload all free items to the student's account.

**About Financial Aid** - The first mistake many students and families make is assuming they can't afford a postsecondary education. Don't be discouraged by the sticker price for your education until you know how much financial aid may be available to you. Financial aid can significantly reduce the cost of any education, but it can be tricky to estimate future student aid. Two factors generally determine who gets student aid and the amount; merit and need.

- "Merit-based" aid is given to students who do something exceptionally well (like music, athletics, or academics) or to students who plan to have a career in an area that will benefit the community or the country (like teaching, science, math, and engineering).
- "Need-based" aid is given to students who demonstrate a lack of financial resources to pay for college.

In addition to financial aid provided by the U.S. Government (FAFSA.gov) and the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA), financial aid is also offered by your college, university, or vocational school. Your college or university financial aid office will use the information from your FAFSA to determine your eligibility for some federal and state programs. Most schools have their own financial aid programs, which may be based on your FAFSA results. Ask your financial aid office about the aid they offer and if you need to complete any forms in addition to the FAFSA.

**Private Sources** Some independent scholarship programs accept the FAFSA, but most require other applications. Many of these scholarships are not based on financial need. This is the kind of financial aid that you usually need to seek.

**Upcoming BCPS Event:** FAFSA Night on February 11th at 6:30pm. Link to join: <https://www.browardschools.com/fafsa>

**Reminder:** The February Bulletin is in the February 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Brace News Weekly Update. ALL **Seniors** should submit an entry for the Stelos Alliance \$1,000 scholarship giveaway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3AiTjGyucw&feature=youtu.be>

## Local Scholarships

**Hollywood Rotary Club Scholarship** – Deadline April 17, 2021 – Email me for application

**Hollywood Lions Club Scholarship** – Deadline April 15, 2020 – Email me for application

**Hollywood Hills Civic Association Scholarship** - \$500 – Must be a resident of Hollywood Hills District 3 – boundaries north of Washington St., south of Sheridan St., east of 56<sup>th</sup>, and west of Park Road. A cumulative 2.5 GPA and 100 community service hours are required. Please email a brief bio of accomplishment to me at [Tywana.greene@browardschools.com](mailto:Tywana.greene@browardschools.com)

## Featured Scholarship of the Week



**You've got this!!!!!!**

### Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship



The Vegan Resource Group Scholarship each year awards \$20,000 in college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. These Scholarship awardees are vegetarians who do not eat meat, fish, or fowl.



Link to Apply: <https://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>

### Requirements

- ✓ High School Senior students graduating from high school
- ✓ Female
- ✓ GPA Minimum 3.3
- ✓ Judged by shown compassion, courage and a strong commitment to promoting a peaceful world through a vegetarian diet/lifestyle

**AWARD: \$20,000**

**Priority Deadline: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Apply NOW!!!**

Need Help? Click here for an appointment: <https://calendly.com/scholarshipplug/fau-upward-bound-scholarship-meeting>

# SIX GREAT OPTIONS FOR FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

# 1

## Going Merry

### THE NEW, COOL KID

- \$20 billion database of scholarships and aid
- Lots of local scholarships
- Bundled scholarships - One application applies you to multiple opportunities!
- Apply directly on site, with auto-filled forms
- Filter, favorite, or ignore scholarships
- No advertisements
- iOS and Android apps

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## Chegg Scholarships

### THE ALL-ROUNDER

- \$1 billion in scholarships
- Clean interface with basic filters & favoriting
- Additional student tools to: Research colleges, Buy/sell textbooks, Find tutors

# 2

## Fastweb

### THE VETERAN

- Founded in 1995
- \$3 billion in scholarships
- Clean interface with basic filters & favoriting
- Internship and part-time job search
- Android and iOS apps

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## College Board BigFuture

### THE PLANNER

- \$6 billion in scholarships
- College search and planning tools
- Many sweepstakes-style scholarships

# 3

## Scholarships.com

### THE GIANT

- \$19 billion in scholarships
- Social comments section to get advice from peers
- Quick signup process
- Some advertisements (sponsored content)
- Android and iOS apps

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## College website

### THE NEW "HOME"

Once you've gotten admitted and/or decided on a college, check out their financial aid page, which often has information on scholarships available to their students.



Kids of Love Foundation needs volunteers For the A1A Expo and Marathon for February 12th, 13th and 14<sup>th</sup>. The event is indoors and will follow social distance guidelines and provide masks and gloves. A breakfast snack and lunch will be served. Students can earn service hours. If you are under the age of 14 a parent or guardian must attend the event with you. Everyone volunteering is required to sign up.

Location: 1100 Sea Breeze Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale. You may sign up for 5:00 am to 10:00 am or 5:00 am to 1:00 pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DA8AF2CA02-volunteer>

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The logo for the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce (LCC) features the letters "LCC" in a stylized blue font with a tree inside the "C". Below it, the text "LAUDERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" and the tagline "Together We Grow" are written in a smaller font.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A photograph of several hands of different skin tones reaching up to hold a glowing globe against a blue sky with clouds.

## THE LAUDERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS REQUESTING STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Call to inquire: 954-318-6118  
Email: [info@lauderhillcoc.org](mailto:info@lauderhillcoc.org)

A smaller version of the LCC logo is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.