



### 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 college application season for Fall 2021 is NOT over. Far from it! It's not too late to apply! If you have not finished your college applications, that would be priority one. Make sure to double check your student portal to ensure the college /university has received everything.

**Make sure that you are paying attention to each school's requirements. You are not being evaluated until your application is complete.**

Second priority would be completing the FAFSA **and** the FFAA. As a pro-active measure, I would suggest that you request an IRS tax transcript (<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>) in case you are selected for verification. The next step is to research and apply for scholarships. Naviance is a great resource. You should also check with your parent's employer, religious community, the city that you live in and the schools where you are applying, to see if they have any scholarships that you can apply for. Apply for as many scholarships as you can. No dollar amount is too small. Whatever money you have left over after everything is paid for could go in your pocket.

## Applying for College Cheat Sheet

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### Application:

1. Apply for term you want to attend!!!! Florida schools can accept you for whatever term they want.
2. Include EVERYTHING about you aside from transcript data (Resume)
3. Pay application fee (or get fee waiver if on free/reduced price lunch)

4. Essays
5. Letters of recommendation (ask teachers NOW). Follow directions! If they don't want one, they mean it!
6. Early Decision/Early Action
7. Common Application ([www.commonapplication.org](http://www.commonapplication.org))
8. Coalition Application (<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>)
9. Financial Aid (FAFSA and/or CSS profile)
10. Get organized now
11. Remember they are making decisions based on your senior classes. Do not send out your applications until you know you are sure you are staying in them.
12. **You MUST check your email every day! Colleges don't tweet or text you!!!!**

#### **Transcripts:**

1. Request your transcript through Naviance and send your transcript to all colleges you apply to. Transcript includes all high school grades and coursework (including from middle school and dual enrollment). NO TRANSCRIPT FOR FSU/UF/FAU/FGCU/ UNF/Florida Poly/New College – SSAR
2. GPA re-calculation – Colleges look at academic units only and how well you did in academic classes!
3. Senior year classes and grades MATTER!!! – **Send mid-year senior grades to Rolling Admission Schools.**
4. 4 units of Math now required (Algebra I and above)

#### **SAT:**

1. Next SAT test Date: **March 13th** – Register at [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)
2. Send scores to South Broward High School – HS Code 100690
3. SEND SCORES TO COLLEGES when you register for tests!!!! Not included on transcript!!!!
4. **Send new scores to Rolling Admission Schools throughout fall/early spring.**

#### **ACT (take with writing for 4-year schools):**

1. Next available test date: **April 17th** – Register at [www.myact.org](http://www.myact.org)
2. Send scores to South Broward High School – HS Code 100690
3. SEND SCORES TO COLLEGES when you register for tests!!!! Not included on transcript!!!!

#### **Extracurricular Activities:**

1. Make sure you include everything you were involved in since the summer following 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Be clear and concise – **list title of organization or activity, your specific role, number of hours you contributed in that capacity; also, be sure and explain the club if it is unclear what they do**
3. Don't forget to include things you did in your community, church, temple, etc.

#### **Leadership:**

1. Colleges love to see your leadership positions.... don't forget to include them!!!

**Be real.... Your voice should come through loud and clear.**

**Essay Topics (Be Fearless!):**

**UF and FSU:** (400 words) 1. Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.  
2. Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.  
3. Has there been a time when you've had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?  
4. What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?  
5. Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.

**UCF:** Write about 1 or 2 of the following 4 prompts: (250 words each or 1 for 500 words)  
1. If there has been some obstacle or bump in the road, in your academic or personal life, please explain.  
2. How has family history, culture or environment influenced who you are?  
3. Why did you choose to apply to UCF?  
4. What qualities or unique characteristics do you possess that would allow you to contribute to the UCF community?

**FAMU:** 3 questions to choose:  
1. Describe an activity, interest, experience, or achievement in your life (this could be a book, movie, or any experience) that has been particularly meaningful to you.  
2. How has your family influenced who you are?  
3. What qualities or unique characteristics do you possess that would allow you to contribute to our university community?

**UNF:** Check website for essay topic. Essay is only required if you want to be considered for their merit scholarships.

**New College:** Common Application essay

The following Florida public schools do not require admission essays:

1. UWF
2. USF
3. FAU
4. FIU
5. FGCU
6. UNF

**UCF** is the only school that does not super score the ACT:



**First Look FAFSA Dashboard!**  
**South Broward High School – the challenge is on!!!**

**2020-21 School Year:**

12th Graders: **545**

FAFSAs Completed thru 1/08/21: **175**

**2019-20 School Year:**

12th Graders: **597**

FAFSAs Completed thru 1/08/20: **195**

**FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid** - The 2021-2022 FAFSA opened on **Oct. 1st**. Students and families will need to use 2019 income tax information to complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is not only for the "financially needy." I encourage all families to complete the FAFSA as a complete FAFSA may open the student up to scholarship opportunities. Additionally, I suggest that all students check off that they are interested in the work-study program. This does not require you to work, but it does give the opportunity to be reviewed for on campus jobs. Families can always decline loans or any other offers that they do not want. A FAFSA step by step worksheet can be found in the Brace folder on the Class of 2021 Canvas page.

**Sallie Mae Webinar: You've Been Accepted to College, Now What?**

***Dates and Times:***

*Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 2:00 PM | [Registration here](#)*

*Thursday, January 28, 2021, 8:00 PM | [Registration here](#)*

Congratulations on your accomplishments! Please join a discussion to learn about the next steps in your college journey. This webinar will help you understand critical points with making your college decision like additional research about campus and community options, factors for choosing a college, how to complete the financial aid process, comparing financial aid offers, what to do if you need more money, finding scholarships, and your to-do list once you make your college decision.

**Broward Education Foundation - The Broward Education Foundation Scholarship application is open!!!!** I encourage every senior to apply for this scholarship. If you have not already found this scholarship, I would like to introduce you to the Broward Education Foundation. This one foundation manages numerous scholarships. There is a general application which can be found at: <https://browardedfoundation.org/apply/>. This is very possibly the simplest application you will ever complete, and it allows you to be reviewed for multiple scholarships. I highly encourage **every senior** to complete this application. It is open until **March 15th** (all hard copy documents must be received by March 15th).

There are additional scholarships/applications on this same website. I strongly encourage you to check out the CIO Council Technology and the City of Sunrise Outstanding Citizen scholarships. Hint - The CIO scholarship very often does not have many students apply for it. Less students = Better chance of winning.

Please, please, please take advantage of this scholarship opportunity.

**New Scholarship Search!** – For those of you not already familiar, let me introduce you to **Going Merry**. It is a free scholarship database which allows students to use one application to be reviewed for multiple scholarships. I recommend all students check it out. <https://www.goingmerry.com/>

**Broward College** - BC will be holding multiple Application Labs that are open to all:

Broward College Application Labs

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

3:00pm-6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://broward-edu.zoom.us/j/96932862772?pwd=QnhRckxRVWc5RkFoZVQrZ1U5U2t4UT09>

Meeting ID: 969 3286 2772

Passcode: 001500

**Financial Aid Award Letters -**

Students will start receiving financial aid award letters in the Spring. These award letters are created based on a student's FAFSA results. The letters will only be created for students who have been admitted to the school. Students need to (1) complete a FAFSA (paying attention to the school's priority deadline), (2) list the school where they want their FAFSA results sent, (3) be admitted to that school. Each school award letter can look very different.

Sometimes families are chosen "for verification." The government requires schools to randomly select a certain percentage of families to verify. For verification purposes, students will be asked to submit an IRS tax return for the parent/s and themselves. If a student or parent did not file, they will be asked to complete a "non-filers" form. I would suggest that all families pro-actively request a tax transcript. The tax transcript can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>

**Pay attention to Deadlines!!!!** - Many schools have a FAFSA priority deadline. (UF's FAFSA deadline was Dec. 15th.) It is important that students meet this priority deadline date so that

they can receive a financial aid award letter and any funds in a timely fashion. Make sure that you know your school's deadline and get your application in on time!

**Fee Waiver clarification** - There has been some confusion regarding fee waivers. Students (juniors and seniors) 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 (a reusable form) is in your college board account. You will need to complete, sign and print (or upload) the documents. If you took the ACT, I could give you an additional 4 waivers. You need to make sure that you complete the form before sending it to the schools. Depending on the school, you may need to scan and upload or email the waivers. Some schools, such as UF and FSU, will eliminate the need to send in documentation, if you listed that you are fee waiver eligible. Once a student uses a fee waiver with College board, College board will upload all free items to the student's account.

**Summer Programs** - Many colleges and universities have summer programs. Depending on the school, either the student is automatically invited into the program, or the students must apply to be part of it. There are three programs that I would like to bring to your attention. All three of these programs require the student to apply for the program. FSU has the CARE program. USF has the SSS program. FIU has the Golden Panther program. Each of these programs have different target groups, for example, FSU's CARE is targeting first generation (neither mother or father has earned a bachelor's degree or higher) and low income. All these programs offer great resources to promote student success. If you are applying to any of these schools, I highly recommend that you consider applying for these programs. You may also want to see if the schools you are applying to offer similar programs. Space is usually limited, so make sure that you apply in a timely fashion.

# Featured Scholarship of the Week



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

## James M. & Erma T. Freemont Foundation Scholarship



UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

**Deadline: February 1st, 2021**

Through generous donations, the Foundation is able to provide scholarships to outstanding students, the "Freemont Scholars".

### Link to Apply:

<http://www.freemontfoundation.com/scholarships.html>



### Requirements

- \* Must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited HBCU for the Fall 2021/Spring 2022 academic year
- \* Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- \* Must be a United States Citizen
- \* Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in the sciences
- \* Must submit two letters of recommendation and the most recent official transcript
- \* Must complete an essay

**We will be working on different scholarships during the Senior Workshop session on:**

**[Thursday Jan. 28th at 8:15pm.](#)**

**What do you get?**

**\$\$\$ Varies**

**Apply NOW!!!**

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

**Always 4Ward Rising Leader Scholarship** - Deadline: Jan. 31st - Award: up to \$5,000  
High School Senior. Black / African American. Attending an in-state school. Letters of recommendation and photo required. For application and details, go to: <http://scholarships.always4ward.org/>

**KPMG 2021 Future Leaders Program** - Deadline: Feb. 1st - Award: \$10,000  
Female. Senior. Minimum 3.5 GPA. Pursuing Business or STEM degree. Demonstrated leadership. For application and details, please visits: <https://kpmgfutureleadersapplication.wufoo.com/forms/ggtcpup02rzi0z/>

**Ernest Wooler Memorial Scholarship** - Deadline: Feb. 24th @ 5:00 pm - Award: Vary  
High School Senior or graduate. Resided and attended high school in Broward County. Minimum 2.0 GPA. Minimum FSA or SAT/ACT scores. Plan to be a full-time student at a technical college. Open to students pursuing a trade, not an office job. Application and details available at: [www.csascholars.org/wooler](http://www.csascholars.org/wooler). See attached FAQ and flyer.

**The Nat Moore Scholarship** - Deadline: Feb. 28th, 2021 - Award: up to \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for four years)  
High school senior from Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, or Palm Beach. Demonstrate financial need. Minim 2.5 unweighted GPA. Application at: <https://bit.ly/2GCjWZm>

**The Nat More Vocational Grant Endowment** - Deadline: rolling basis - Award: up to \$3,500 (towards cost of entire program)  
Ages 18 - 24. Demonstrate financial need. Application at: <https://bit.ly/2GCjWZm>

**Princeton Prize in Race Relations** - Deadline: March 1st - Award: \$1,000  
The Princeton Prize in Race Relations program is searching: "To identify and recognize high-school-age students who significantly engage and challenge their schools or communities to advance racial equity in order to promote respect and understanding among all people." Application and details can be found at: <https://pprize.princeton.edu/apply> (pdf also attached)

**Look Back Give Back Foundation, Inc. Scholarships** - Deadline March 26th - Awards: \$500 - \$1,500  
Graduating seniors. Of African American Descent. Attending a high school in a city or town of Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, Maryland, New York or the District of Columbia. For application details, go to: <https://lookbackgivebackfoundation.com>



**Becca's Closet Scholarships** - Deadline: March 31st (postmarked) - Awards: Vary  
Three scholarship opportunities: Spirit of Community Scholarship, Becca's Closet Involvement Scholarship for Becca's Closet Involvement, and Becca's Closet Drittel Family Scholarship for Becca's Closet Involvement. For application and details, go to: <https://www.beccascloset.org/scholarships/>

**American Muslim Alliance of Florida, Inc. Scholarship** - Deadline: May 3rd, Minimum 3.0 GPA. Letters of recommendation. Essay. Application Award: \$500 - \$1,000 Senior. Graduating from a Florida High School. **Open to students of all faiths.**

**Big Sun Scholarship**- Deadline: June 19th - Award: \$500  
High School Senior. Involved in sports. Application and details available at: <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>

**Southern Scholarship Foundation, Inc.** - Deadline: Ongoing - Award: Low-cost housing  
Rent free housing for students admitted to FSU, UF, FAMU, or FGCU.~ Motivation demonstrated through awards and activities. Financial need. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Information and application available at: <http://www.southern scholarship.org>

### **Upcoming Virtual College Fairs**

UCF - Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:30pm–4:30pm  
<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/92029804943?pwd=SEZZQjRJQWJQWkZBK0lvZVpORWFtdz09>

Jan. 19th - 28th - HBCU College Fair Days  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ofLhxJMiJbSN\\_vSxqOtJiiZOk5rm7on468XULiG0zb8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ofLhxJMiJbSN_vSxqOtJiiZOk5rm7on468XULiG0zb8/edit)

Jan. 28th - Infinite Scholars Virtual Scholarship Fair  
<https://www.infinitescholar.org/>

Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 7, Mar. 21, & May 2 - NACAC Virtual College Fairs - More than 500 colleges and universities will be online to talk with high school students on each of these fair dates.  
<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

Feb 4th & 5th - Bridge2Life Youtuber Conference - 4-7pm  
Bridge2Life and Broward College are holding a Youtuber conference. It is open to high school students of all ages. Students may register at:  
<https://www.browardbridge2life.com/2021-youtuber-conference>

Feb. 6th, 23rd, March 7th, & 11th – Big Future Days (The schools are broken down by regions)  
Students should register 7 days prior to fair.  
<https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days?excmpid=mtg680-st-1-gen>

Sign up to receive tutoring/mentoring services. Register at [www.dstsouthbroward.org](http://www.dstsouthbroward.org)

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## What

Free Tutoring/Mentoring to  
Students in Grades K-12

## When

January 2021 - May 2021

## Where

Online via Zoom

## Contact

[sbac.education@gmail.com](mailto:sbac.education@gmail.com)

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