



Beacon College Office Weekly Bulletin

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New This Week

Please Be Patient

We expect our offices and email boxes to be very full in the next few days. Our first priority at this time is document sending and meeting students deadlines. Please be patient if you've emailed your counselor. We are doing our best to keep up with the volume and frequency of questions and requests. Unfortunately we are unable to add any additional meetings to our calendars until after November 1st. We are reminding teachers about your deadlines and they have until midnight of your deadline to submit.

Applicant Portals

Once you have applied to a school you will likely receive instructions on how to log onto that school's applicant portal. If it shows that some of the materials are missing, do not be concerned. Colleges often take 1-2 weeks to update this information. You can see that everything has been sent in Naviance/Common App. Please continue checking your portals regularly.

Reminders

FREE College Applications - October Only

During the month of October, over 130 colleges and universities throughout New York State are waiving their application fees. [Here](#) is the list. Notice the three different tabs.

- We are unsure if there will be any need-based fee waivers for CUNY after October. Please apply to up to six colleges [here](#) NOW. They are free until **10/31**

- If you are applying to CUNY **Macaulay Honors** the deadline is **November 16th**. In order to use the waiver please submit your application in October. **You can add your essays after and until November 16th**.
- SUNY applications are free until **10/29** for everyone and we have need based fee waivers to use later.

Attention Early Decision Applicants

Once you select ED for a school on the Common Application, a new tab will appear under "Recommenders and FERPA" for you to add a parent's email address, at which point they will be sent a link to approve your binding Early Decision agreement. You will be able to submit your application prior to your parent's signature, so we encourage you to double-check that the parent signature requirement is complete prior to the ED deadline.

Additionally, if the CSS Profile is required for your ED school, please check the school's financial aid deadline. Your CSS Profile may be due on or around November 1st.

Submitting Applications

You do not need to wait for your recommendations or transcript to be submitted in order to apply. The recs can be sent later and will show up immediately in your file.

Sending Scores

Many colleges will allow self reported scores, however others require you to send them scores through the College Board or ACT in order to have them reviewed as part of your application. Please make sure to check on each school's website for their application requirements and send scores officially if needed ASAP for EA/ED.





Last-Chance Opportunities

We aim to tell you about any opportunities we hear of as soon as possible. These may be reminders or brand new opportunities that we just received, but please note that they may be due in under a week.

CUNY Lehman College Open House

- Tour Lehman's tree-lined campus, meet new people and learn more about admissions, financial aid and more
- The event will take place **October 28th**, starting at 9:30 am
- Click [here](#) to register

CUNY City College Open House

- Visit City College in person for their Open House on **October 28th**
- Meet faculty and staff, explore campus, attend workshops and more
- Register at [this link](#)

See More Skidmore

- Seniors from underrepresented backgrounds are welcome to visit Skidmore with transportation and meals cost-free
- The experience will take place on on November 10th
- Please register [here](#) by **October 30th**

'Berg Belong at Muhlenberg College

- An overnight visit program where students and a parent have the chance to meet with students, faculty, and various administrators
- The program will take place from November 17 - November 18, which is also Muhlenberg's Fall Saturday visit day
- Apply by **October 30th** at [this link](#)

Virtual 1-on-1 Career/College Counseling

- Schedule a personal 20 minute session through the New York Public Library
- All of the dates are Tuesdays, as follows: **October 31st**, November 14th, November 28th, December 5th, December 12th
- Spots are limited, so sign up [here](#)

Matriculate - Free College Advising

- Matriculate provides free one-on-one college advising to high-achieving, low-income students
- If you are interested in receiving support, please apply [here](#) by **October 31st**



Bennington College's Young Writers Awards

- All high school students may enter the competition in either poetry, fiction, or nonfiction
- Prizes are up to \$1,000 and both finalists and winners are eligible for scholarships of up to \$60,000 at Bennington
- Please find an informational poster [here](#) and the links to apply by **November 1st** [here for online](#) and [here to submit by mail](#)

Macaulay Honors College Virtual Events

- Three different Information Sessions will be held, each of which from 4-5 pm. Register for the following below:
 - [November 2nd](#)

SUNY Buffalo State Information Session

- This in-person information session for prospective students at the SUNY Global Center
- Learn more and register [here](#) for the **November 4th** event, which will be from 10:30 to 11:30 am



Upcoming College-Related Event

Dominican University Open House

- Meet faculty, students, and alumni to discuss financial aid, admissions, and generous scholarship programs. Campus tours are also available!
- Come visit on November 5th at 10 am
- Visit [this link](#) to learn more and RSVP

FIT Portfolio Preview Days

- Students will be able to experience a one-on-one feedback session with a faculty member from various FIT programs
- Portfolios can include anything from sketchbooks to finished products, and feedback sessions are a great opportunity to ask questions about the school too
- The event will take place twice, on November 12th and December 9th. Please register [here](#) to learn more

Annual HBCU Festival

- Dedicated to connecting students and their families with HBCUs and scholarship opportunities, this event offers on-spot admissions decisions, waiver of application fees, seminars and more
- This year's festival will take place in a hybrid format. The breakdown is as follows:
 - November 17th from 4-8 pm virtually



- November 18th from 9 am - 4 pm both virtually and in-person (the in-person portion of the event will take place in Springfield, VA)
- Please follow [this link](#) to learn more and register now

UK College Admissions Weekly Zoom

- Students and parents welcome to join this weekly informational Zoom on the UK college admissions process
- Join Tuesdays from 4-6 pm at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89591528259>
- Additionally, you can register for [this website](#), which gives you access to a plethora of information on UK admissions and access to personal meetings

Bryn Mawr Interview Days

- These virtual events give students the opportunity to interview a member of the Bryn mawr alumni
- Five different interview days are taking place, once a month, from September to January
- Click [here](#) to register

Fall for Tufts

- Tufts' signature virtual open house includes student panels, mock classes, admissions sessions, and more
- Further details and registration can be found [here](#)



Extracurricular & Internship Opportunities

GlowNew

- An organization supporting women in homelessness by providing comprehensive makeovers and care packages
- In search of passionate students to start GlowNew chapters in schools - leadership experience, volunteer opportunities, awards, and online internships are all available
- Learn more [here](#)

Banson NYC High School Fashion Summer Camps

- A chance for high school students to learn the fundamentals of the fashion industry from an insider perspective
- Students will stay in a midtown hotel with visits, seminars, and activities planned for each day
- Summer 2024 camps will be taking place in late June and mid-July. Please follow [this link](#) for more details

Let's Get Ready



- This free mentorship program is targeted at juniors and seniors looking for support throughout their college transition
- For seniors, weekly texts from a mentor will help with applications, financial aid, and enrollment decisions
- For juniors, LGR offers weekly texts and monthly workshops, along with future SAT prep programs
- Visit [the website](#) to apply and learn more

Academic Prep Resources

Atlas Private SAT Tutoring

- The final opportunities for SATs are around the corner. If you're in need of private tutoring, check out Atlas, using 2025PT as a discount code for \$100 off. Register [here](#)

Greenhouse Scholars

- This program focuses on a community change model, aiming to use education as an equalizer for income differences
- High-performing and under-served high-school students have the chance to join a successful community of young people affecting positive change in their communities
- Learn more and apply [here](#) by November 21st

Free SAT Prep Class

- Aegis Prep is running two free classes on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-2 pm
- Please visit their [website](#) for more details
- To register, simply email aegisprep@gmail.com for a form

Sci-Inspire at Columbia University

- Complimentary tutoring service from Columbia students for high schoolers pursuing STEM subjects
- Tutors are highly accomplished and selected carefully
- Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings
- Learn more about registration [here](#)



Scholarships

Help, Excel and Progress with HEAP

- Students can earn a \$600 stipend, as well as college guidance and the opportunity to take certain classes to ensure college readiness
- This opportunity is available for first-generation students
- Apply [here](#) by 5 pm on the October 30th deadline

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Scholarship

- This program recognizes one student from each participating high school in NYC by awarding them \$500
- The scholarship goes to a senior who exhibits dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism, you have the chance win and then go on to further competition for a grand prize of \$5,000
- If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, which you can learn more about [here](#), please reach out to your college counselor for more details
- Latest date to submit an application is November 10th

Windward Spirit Scholarship

- Open to any high school student who is striving to make a difference
- 16 different winners will receive \$3,000 each
- Visit [this website](#) to learn more and apply by November 15th

Rider University Trustee Scholarship

- This full tuition scholarship is available to students who apply Early Action to Rider
- Requirements include a minimum GPA requirement, a supplemental essay, and a 4-5 minute video
- Learn more [here](#) and apply by the EA deadline, which is November 15th

The Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program

- The largest undergraduate scholarship program available to those with financial need is accepting applications
- Scholars may receive up to \$55,000 in relief, as well as personal education advising, graduate school funding, and connection to a network of current scholars and alumni
- Seniors with at least a 3.5 GPA and financial need should learn more and apply [here](#) by November 16th

The Bronfman Fellowship



- A summer in Israel, along with a year-long experience, in which students go on a transformative journey
- Applicants must be 11th graders from any one of a wide range of Jewish backgrounds
- Find more info and apply [here](#) by December 4th

Raymond J. Rue Memorial Scholarship

- This scholarship is intended to provide aid to students' whose families and lives have been impacted by gun violence
- Applications are due April 30, 2024
- Please follow [this link](#) to apply

Other Scholarship Resources

www.fastweb.com

www.myscholly.com

