



Beacon College Office Senior Bulletin

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New This Week

Deferrals

If you have been deferred, please see the College Office's email from 12/14/23 for information on what to do next.

Application Follow Up

You may not be done just because your application is submitted. Please double-check each of your schools' portals weekly to confirm your application status is complete and no additional materials are required (self-reported grades, HEOP/EOP information, IDOC, official transcripts for college courses, etc.). Note that midyear grades may appear as missing and will be automatically sent once they are available.

Reminders

Financial Aid

You should complete the CSS Profile, if [required](#), by early January. A tutorial on CSS Profile can be seen [here](#). In addition, a tutorial on the IDOC process (which some colleges require once the CSS Profile has been submitted) can be seen [here](#).

The opening of FAFSA has been pushed back until 12/31. All students requesting financial aid will need to submit the FAFSA. Even though you cannot start filling out the application yet, you should request your FSA ID [here](#) now (student and each parent need one).

Free applications!

- Drew University Fee Waiver - use code **drew28**
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute - no code, free for all applicants
- Seton Hall University fee waiver - use code **XFV**
- **SUNY Geneseo** - select "Yes" when asked "Would you like SUNY to pay your application fee?" (**ends January 5th**)





Last Chance Opportunities

FAFSA Orientation and Completion Sessions for ELL and Former ELLs

- Open to ELL and former ELL high school seniors and their parents who need assistance completing the FAFSA application
- Virtual sessions are presented in English, Spanish, and Chinese
- Required information/setup sessions:
 - **December 19th** at 7pm
- FAFSA and TAP completion session with parents will be by appointment and will occur on January 13th or January 20th
- Register [here](#)

American Climate Leadership Awards for High School Students

- Open to all high school students who have developed a climate initiative that has:
 - Demonstrated leadership and success in the field of climate solutions
 - A strong track record of climate action
 - Successful programming that can be replicated on a local level
 - Reached new audiences
 - Has current programming (plans for future programs are not accepted)
- Other requirements:
 - An adult sponsor must verify your initiative and be involved in the initiative in a formal capacity
- Deadline: **December 15th, 2023**
- Learn more and apply [here](#)





Upcoming College-Related Events

Hunter College: Navigating Admissions as an Undocumented Student

- Learn more about the college admissions process as it relates to undocumented students
- Will go over eligibility for DREAM scholarships, admissions process, and resources available to undocumented students at Hunter
- Open to all undocumented applicants and their parents and supporters
- Virtual Event: January 16th at 4pm
- Learn more and register [here](#)

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

Bard College Immediate Decision Plan ED II

- In-Person event on January 27th
- Allows applicants to experience Bard and attend a class taught by a Bard professor, interview with an admissions officer who has already read your application, and receive an admission decision by the end of the next business day
- Registration required
- ED II application required
- Applications must be submitted by January 1st
- Find more information and apply [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
- Visit [the website](#) to apply and learn more

Costa Rica Youth Exchange

- High school village immersion
- Elevates Spanish skills through the power of youth social dynamics and active community engagement
- Gain confidence and language independence naturally through the fun, small town experience of Costa Rica
- Learn more [here](#)

Ball State University Interior Design Summer Workshop

- Workshop designed to help students explore the field of interior design and determine if it is right for them, get a head start on fundamental concepts, start building their portfolio, and more!
- Open to all seniors with an interest in interior design
- Three workshops offered, one online and two in person
- Each workshop is limited to twelve students
- Online session will be held from June 10th to July 5th
- In person sessions include a ten-day residential stay at Ball State University and will be held from June 2nd to June 11th and from June 16th to June 25th



- Find more information and register for the workshop [here](#)

Bossgirls Bootcamp at City College of New York

- A free summer entrepreneurship program open to high school female and nonbinary students, open to juniors and seniors
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis, first deadline is January 31st to be considered for July 2024 program, final deadline is March 31st, 2024
- Program highlights:
 - Work on a team of other young entrepreneurs to identify a problem and come up with a solution, and find a business opportunity
 - Research the market, compare competitors, learn how to price your product and prototype it, and create a brand
 - Pitch ideas to an audience (“Shark Tank without the sharks”)
 - Meet entrepreneurs, get advice from expert mentors
- 5 week in-person program
- Find more information and apply [here](#)

Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) at Vaughn College

- Free program open to all high school students who are NY residents, are economically disadvantaged **or** are African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Alaskan Native or American Indian
 - Students who identify as economically disadvantaged will be required to provide tax documents for proof of income
- 11th and 12th grade students have the option to take the STEP courses and/or college credit
- An Accuplacer placement test is required, information can be found [here](#)
- Spring 2024 term begins on January 16th
- Final day for registration is January 5th
- Learn more [here](#) and [register here](#)

Fordham University STEP Program at Lincoln Center

- Tentative dates: February 10th, 2024-April 20th, 2024 from 9:45am-2:40pm
- Deadline: January 12th, 2024
- Programs offered:
 - Math and science academic enrichment
 - High school and college advising
 - Personal and professional development elective courses
 - Math and science tutoring
 - Mentoring from Fordham University students and administrators
 - Community events and career workshops
 - Annual spring semester ice cream social
- Find more information and apply [here](#)

Baruch College STEP Program

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- 11-week in-person program held on Saturdays from January 27th to April 13th
- Eligibility requirements:
 - Belong to a minority group underrepresented in STEM
 - OR**
 - Meet income eligibility requirements (see more information [here](#))
- Rolling admissions deadline: January 1st
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

DOROT Teen Internship Program

- Academic year internship program: January 29th-March 15th
- Summer internship program: June 24th-July 18th OR July 23rd-August 15th
- Gives interns a unique community service opportunity by connecting students with older adults in a variety of settings (chess games, home visits, discussions with older women, etc.)
- Internship is one afternoon per week
- High-quality training included
- Opportunity to earn service hours
- Learn more and apply for the academic year internship [here](#) and summer internship [here](#)

Academic Prep Resources

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](#)

Revolution Prep Tutoring \$200 + \$50 Gift Card Offer

- Revolution Prep private online tutoring focuses on closing academic learning gaps, scaffolding complex subject matter, improving grades and GPA, strengthening executive functioning skills, and preparation for exams (AP, SAT, ACT and more)
- Offering Beacon families a \$200 gift card to use toward a tutoring package Find more information [here](#)

Ulster University Discovery Academy

- Online courses free and available to all
- Designed to help students choose a major
- Courses are self-paced and accessible 24/7
- Learn more [here](#)

Atlas Test Prep- Beacon Classes

- Weekly classes at Beacon in preparation for the digital SAT held in March 2024
- Classes begin January 20th
- Guaranteed scholarships until January 1st
 - \$50 off group prep classes (code: 2025GP)
 - \$100 off private tutoring (code: 2025PT)
- Register for group classes [here](#)
- Register for private tutoring [here](#)





Scholarships

Harlem Y bai Corporate Scholarships

- The Harlem Y will award roughly 30 scholarships to worthy youth who are not currently enrolled in a YMCA of Greater New York Teen Program
- The scholarship requires a minimum 2.7 GPA and the application can be found [here](#)
- They are also awarding one scholarship known as the Youth Achiever, which requires a minimum 3.0 GPA to apply. Follow [this link](#) for the application
- All applications are due January 8th

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

TIME 2000 Program at Queens College

- A specially designed undergraduate teacher education program offering scholarship towards tuition for all accepted students
- Aims to recruit highly qualified math students, with teacher shortages expected to rise
- Follow [this link](#) to apply and learn more

Bronx Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship

- An \$8000 scholarship dispersed in \$1000 increments per semester
- There are also several one-time grants in various amounts that are available
- Open to high school seniors who are residents of the Bronx, maintain a "B" average, are involved in extracurricular activities, and plan to be a full-time student at a 4-year college in Fall 2024
- Requires a two-page essay (min. 1000 words), two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher/guidance counselor and one from a community service supervisor), an official transcript, and a copy of SAT/ACT scores
- Note: no electronic submissions will be accepted, all applications must be sent via postal service
- Applications must be postmarked by February 23, 2024
- Learn more [here](#)

Bates College Kessler Scholars Program

- Open to first-generation students at Bates College



- Cohort program in which students receive an exclusive first year summer pre-orientation experience, professional exploration workshops, individualized advising meetings, financial planning workshops, recreational and community building activities, and support for graduate school exploration trips (such as law and medical school)
- Learn more about the 2024 cohort [here](#)

CACNY Scholarship Plus

- Open to high school seniors in NYC who have demonstrated a GPA of 84.5% or higher, family income of less than \$52,000, and a willingness to engage in community events, workshops, and semester check-ins
- Applicants must be citizens or have permanent residency in the US
- Information session held on January 10th
- Learn more and apply [here](#)

Brandeis Scholarship

- Open to all students applying to Brandeis
- No additional application needed, all students considered
- Merit scholarships vary from \$10,000 to \$20,500 annually
- Learn more about Brandeis scholarships and fellowships [here](#)

Other Scholarship Resources

www.fastweb.com

www.myscholly.com