



Beacon College Office Senior Bulletin

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New This Week

FAFSA Updates

[FAFSA](#) appears to be open 24/7 at this time with “occasional pauses.”

- Begin the process by securing an [FSA ID](#) for the student and parent(s).
- Families should aim to submit the FAFSA by the first week in February.
- If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Federal Student Aid at 1-800-433-3243 or by email at studentaid@ed.gov.
- The CSS Profile should already be submitted (if applicable).
- Check out the [Understanding FAFSA Guide](#).
- CFS is offering a free workshop to help you fill of the new FAFSA on 1/17. Register [here](#).
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TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)

Once you have filled out the FAFSA with at least one college in NY, you will get a direct link to fill out your TAP scholarship application. This is a scholarship for all schools in NYS (public/private). If you miss this email you can also just click [here](#) to fill out the TAP application.

Please be aware that it will automatically randomly populate one of the NYS colleges you listed on your FAFSA. You can leave that school there until you know where you are actually attending. You have until May to put in the attending college so that the money, if you qualify,

goes to the correct school. You cannot fill out the TAP application until your FAFSA application has been processed.

SUNY Potsdam FREE Application Week

FREE APP WEEK starts Saturday, January 13 to Sunday, January 21, 2024. Students may complete either the SUNY Application or the Common Application and the fee will be waived.

Reminders

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.

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 **XFW**



Last Chance Opportunities

The National Summer Program Fair

- Venue with about 100 exhibitors representing every way high school students can spend their summers—on-campus pre-college programs at the nation's most prestigious universities, study abroad, STEM programs, teen travel, art/portfolio prep, test prep, and local nonprofits seeking summer volunteers.
- **Wednesday, January 17, from 4:30-7:00 pm at New York University (NYU)**
- [Pre-register](#) to attend and should do so now to reserve their place and receive event reminders. They will then receive a QR code to show at the event
- Learn more [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 4 pm
- 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





Extracurricular & Internship Opportunities

Costa Rica Youth Exchange - Summer 2024

- 2 weeks to 2 months exchange program in Costa Rica.
- Sessions include arts, cooking, music, dance, Spanish conversation, sports encounters, village events, farm visits, local excursions, outdoor games, youth service projects. .
- Session One: **June 9 - July 6 (four weeks)**
- Session Two: **July 7 - August 3 (four weeks)**
- Summer 2024: [Dates/Costs](#)
- Register [here!](#)

Lawrence University - Physics Workshop

- [The Lawrence University physics program](#) is nationally recognized as one of the best small college physics programs in the country. The Physics Workshop is an excellent way for students to get a taste of what it's like to study physics at Lawrence University.
- Date: February 17 in Appleton, Wisconsin.
- To be eligible for the workshop, students must [complete an application for admission to Lawrence](#) as soon as possible and then fill out [an interest form](#).
- Deadline for application is **January 23**.

DOROT Teen Volunteer Opportunity - GENuine Connections

- Welcomes high school students and older adults (65+) volunteers to meet weekly over Zoom in small groups for meaningful conversations and fun activities to bridge generational divides.
- Workshop activities include creative writing, chess, art, current events, etc. Opportunity to earn service hours
- More information about GENuine Connections [here](#)
- Applications are open and [can be found here](#) for the Winter Semester starting the week of January 29th.
- Contact genuineconnections@dorotusa.org with any questions.

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](#)

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](#)



Scholarships

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