



**UVM's  
Faculty Union**

## **UNITED ACADEMICS ANNOUNCES 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year, United Academics (UA), the faculty union of the University of Vermont, awards several scholarships to students pursuing social and economic justice. All application material must be submitted through the online application form. Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the UA Scholarship Committee.

To access the application form, please visit: <http://go.uvm.edu/18>

**Application deadline for all scholarships is Friday, March 23, 2018.**

Recipients will be announced by Monday, April 30, 2018.

Questions? Contact UA Scholarship Committee Chair, Dr. Vijay Kanagala, [Vijay.Kanagala@uvm.edu](mailto:Vijay.Kanagala@uvm.edu)

### **JEFFREY BRACE SCHOLARSHIP**

United Academics awards several \$500 Jeffrey Brace Scholarships to students with an active commitment to community service, especially in pursuit of social or economic justice. The scholarship is named in honor of Jeffrey Brace, an early 19th-century Black Vermonter, former slave and activist. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on demonstrated involvement in community service, especially activities related to social and/or economic justice, in keeping with United Academics' values.

All currently enrolled UVM students are eligible to apply for the Jeffrey Brace Scholarship.

To apply for a Brace Scholarship, applicant must submit:

- an essay (no more than 750 words) that outlines one's interest and involvement in community service and social and/or economic justice, and
- a recommendation letter from a faculty or community member who's familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities.

*Note: All UVM students who apply for the Backus or Shiman scholarships will automatically be considered for a Brace scholarship.*

## **LINDA BACKUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Linda Backus Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 is presented to an undergraduate student for outstanding community service, especially in pursuit of social or economic justice. The scholarship is named in honor of Linda Backus, former UVM professor of education, committed union organizer, and second president of United Academics.

To be eligible, applicant must have:

- completed two years at a higher education institution (not necessarily in Vermont), and
- an immediate family member—parent, step-parent, guardian, sibling, stepsibling—who is a member of any union in Vermont.

To apply for the Backus Scholarship, applicant must submit:

- an essay (no more than 750 words) that describes involvement in community service, especially as related to social and/or economic justice causes;
- documentation of immediate family member's union affiliation in Vermont (such as a photocopy or scan of a union card);
- a recommendation letter from a faculty or community member who's familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities.

*Note: All UVM students who apply for the Backus Scholarship will automatically be considered for a Jeffrey Brace Scholarship.*

## **DAVID SHIMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The David Shiman Scholarship of \$1,500 will be presented to a UVM senior with an outstanding and sustained record of community service, especially in pursuit of social or economic justice. The scholarship is named in honor of David Shiman, longtime professor of education at UVM and past president of United Academics.

To be eligible, applicant must have:

- senior standing at the University of Vermont;
- a minimum CGPA of 3.0.

To apply for the Shiman Scholarship, applicant must submit:

- an essay (no more than 1000 words) that describes involvement in community service, especially as related to social and/or economic justice causes;
- documentation of applicant's CGPA (such as a screenshot or scan of transcript);
- a recommendation letter from a faculty or community member who's familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities.

*Note: All students who apply for the Shiman Scholarship will automatically be considered for a Jeffrey Brace Scholarship.*

For more information, visit the United Academics website:  
[www.unitedacademics.org/scholarships](http://www.unitedacademics.org/scholarships)

## **UNITED ACADEMICS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Scholarship essay. Please note essay requirements: David Shiman Scholarship - No more than 1000 words; Linda Backus Memorial Scholarship and Jeffrey Brace Scholarship - No more than 750 words.
- Copy of applicant's transcript. Required for all scholarships. Please save your transcript as Applicant'sLastName\_Transcript (e.g. Smith\_Transcript); to upload file formats must be png, gif, doc, odt, jpg, pdf and under 2048 KB.
- Copy of documentation of applicant's immediate family member's union affiliation in Vermont. Required for Linda Backus Memorial Scholarship. Please save your document as Applicant'sLastName\_Union (e.g. Smith\_Union); to upload file formats must be png, gif, doc, odt, jpg, pdf and under 2048 KB.
- Recommendation letter from a faculty or community member familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities. Required for all scholarships. Please save your recommendation letter as Applicant'sLastName\_Recommendation (e.g. Smith\_Recommendation); to upload file formats must be png, gif, doc, odt, jpg, pdf and under 2048 KB. If your recommender wishes to send the letter directly to the UA Scholarship Committee, please share the following link with them: <http://go.uvm.edu/8f9pu>
- Applicant's bio (100-words)

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