



United Academics:  
UVM's Faculty Union

## **UNITED ACADEMICS ANNOUNCES 2024 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: [UA Scholarship Application](#)

**Application deadline for all scholarships is Tuesday, April 30, 2024.**

Recipients will be announced in early May.

Questions? Contact UA Scholarship Committee Chair, Prudence Doherty,  
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### **JEFFREY BRACE SCHOLARSHIP**

United Academics awards several \$500 Jeffrey Brace Scholarships to students who demonstrate an active commitment to community service, especially in pursuit of social, economic or environmental justice. The scholarship is named in honor of Jeffrey Brace, an early 19th-century Black Vermonter, previously enslaved person 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 is familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities.
- copy of transcript (Your "Official Transcript" can be obtained through your MyUVM account under the "Registrar" tab. Please send it to yourself and submit with your application.

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

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## **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 is familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities.
- copy of transcript (Your "Official Transcript" can be obtained through your MyUVM account under the "Registrar" tab. Please send it to yourself and submit with your application.

*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 or graduate student 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, the applicant needs to be a senior undergraduate or graduate student at the University of Vermont with 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 is familiar with applicant's involvement with social and/or economic justice activities.
- copy of transcript (Your "Official Transcript" can be obtained through your MyUVM account under the "Registrar" tab. Please send it to yourself and submit with your application.

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