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United Academics Awards 2009 Call for Applications

Applications are now being accepted for two awards for UVM students: the Jeffrey Brace book award and the Linda Backus Memorial Award.

The **Jeffrey Brace Book Award**, in honor of Jeffrey Brace, an early 19th-century black Vermonter, former slave and activist, provides up to ten \$500 awards to be used for books and supplies (at the UVM Bookstore) by students who exemplify academic excellence and an active commitment to achieving social and economic justice. To be eligible, students must be first, second, or third year students at UVM who will be enrolled full time in fall 09 at UVM. Details about the awards and past award winners can be found on UA's website (<http://unitedacademics.org>).

The **Linda Backus Memorial Award** provides a \$1000 cash award for the purpose of rewarding student civic engagement in advancing economic and social justice goals. The award is named in honor of Linda Backus, former professor of education at UVM, committed union organizer, and second president of United Academics. To be eligible, you must be a senior enrolled in your final year of college (not necessarily at UVM) and the child of a union member who is a Vermont resident.

Awards will be made based on academic excellence and demonstrated involvement in issues related to economic and/or social justice. To apply for either award, interested students should send a copy of their academic transcript, a two page (spaced) statement outlining their interest and involvement in advancing the goals of economic and/or social justice, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the student's interest in issues related to economic and/or social justice. To qualify for the Linda Backus award, clearly state your parent's position and union membership. Please send both email and hard copies of application materials to:

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The deadline for both awards is April 20, 2009. Award winners will be selected by a committee appointed by the Executive Council of United Academics and will be announced by mid-May.