

BRACE CADETS FAQs

- **Who are BRACE Cadets?**

BRACE Cadets are peer mentors who are trained in college and career readiness content to help their peers prepare for college, career, and life after high school. They are high school students who go through a rigorous application process, mandatory training on college and career readiness. They are required to attend a 4-day summer training; write two implementation plans stating how they will help their peers prepare for life after high school; implement the plans; and write reports on both projects; and attend a fall and winter training. It's a lot of fun!

- **What is the difference between a BRACE Cadet and a Social Media Cadet?**

BRACE Cadets and Social Media Cadets both prepare their peers for college and career success. They all have projects about Naviance, Scholarships, FAFSA, College Readiness & Career Readiness. Both have to write 2 plans and implement 2 projects. They however use different medium.

BRACE Cadets implement their projects directly with students in their school or in the county.

On the other hand, Social Media Cadets - as the name suggests - use social media (Instagram, Twitter, etc.) to inform their peers how to prepare for life after high school. Social Media Cadets must create 3-5 posts each week. *Note: BRACE Cadets can also use social media to promote their project!

- **What can I do to make sure I become a BRACE Cadet?**

Answer all the questions completely, review, and submit the application before the deadline. Only include your best email and double check to make sure you have no spelling errors in your email. Make sure your GPA is 2.3 and above. Submit all the screenshots requested and make sure they are clear/legible. In your interview answer the questions and stay within the time limit.

- **Do I need to attend the Informational Meeting on 2/2/23 from 5-6 pm?**

It's not mandatory, but it is designed to give you more information about BRACE Cadets and answer questions you may have.

- **Is it true I have to do a video interview?**

All applicants are invited to do the video interview. You will be given interview questions to answer and submit in a video.

- **When will I know if I am selected?**

Email notification will be sent to selected BRACE Cadets on April 18, 2023.

- **How will I know what to do after being selected?**

If you are selected to be a BRACE Cadet:

- you will receive a congratulatory email that outlines the expectations of a BRACE Cadet and what you need to do, and the timeline for the year.
- you will also receive an agreement outlining the expectations of a BRACE Cadet and you must sign and return that to us.
- you will attend a mandatory 4 days BRACE Cadet summer training.

- **What are the benefits of being a BRACE Cadet?**

As a BRACE cadet...

- You get to meet, work, and build friendships with students from other schools
- Work closely with your BRACE Advisor
- Meet with college advisors and admission officers
- Have countless volunteer, scholarship, and college & career readiness opportunities
- Receive a \$500 stipend after meeting all the requirements of the program
- Lots of leadership and personal growth opportunities

- **How do you know what to write your plans about?**

Think about the kids at your school who are not taking action or not confident how to get ready for life after high school. What would help them? Whatever you are thinking you must discuss with your BRACE advisor and together identify how you will help students. Write your plan on that. All projects must be related to one or more of the five priorities - Naviance, FAFSA, Scholarships, College Readiness and Career Readiness.

- **Can I work with another BRACE Cadet for my project?**

Yes, you can. If you do, you must have very clear and different roles and plans. You both can't submit a plan to do exactly the same thing.

- **Do I start my project immediately after becoming a BRACE Cadet?**

After attending the training and before actually implementing your plan, you must meet with your BRACE Advisor to discuss your project and make sure it will benefit students. After writing the plan, you will meet with Ms. Green to further discuss it. She will give you feedback and after it's approved, you can implement it!

- **Do I work with my BRACE Advisor?**

Yes, your BRACE Advisor is very important to your success. You are helping him/her help more students get ready for life after high school. It is very important that you are always in communication with your BRACE Advisor and you first discuss and plan your project with him/her.

- **Who do I ask for help with my project after being accepted?**

Always go to your BRACE Advisor for help. You can ask fellow BRACE cadets at your school or online. You can also ask Ms. Green!

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