

UNDERSTANDING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS



FIRST-GEN CHALLENGES

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Lack of Understanding

Students often deal with all applications (FASFA, admissions, registering for classes, etc.) and college journey by themselves.

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Students are intimidated by college costs

High prices of college may stop students from applying to dream schools.

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Students are afraid to seek help

Many students don't know how to apply for college, financial aid, or scholarships and might not know when or who to ask for help.

What does first generation mean?

A student is first-generation if neither the parent/permanent guardian has completed a 4 year degree.

Median Parental Income for Dependent Students

\$41,000 for first-generation students

\$90,000 for continuing generation students



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Tell your FIRST-GEN story

Telling your story can give confidence to first-generation students. Seeing your success can motivate them to follow their dream.

Celebrate FIRST-GEN Day

Celebrating first-gen day on November 8 by providing key resources and celebrations can help students find pride within themselves and their journey.

Be open to answering questions

Helping first-generation students navigate the ins and out of getting into college can be crucial to their success.