

What is a First-Gen Scholar?

Someone is a first-generation college student if their parent(s) or guardian(s) did not complete a 4-year college or university degree. Other family's (i.e., grandparents') education levels do not influence first-generation status.

According to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), 56% of all U.S. postsecondary students are first-generation scholars.

Despite this, first-generation scholars are less likely to utilize campus academic, career-planning and support services.



Finances

First-generation postsecondary scholars are likelier to come from socioeconomically disadvantaged and/or minority backgrounds. These intersections of identities can cause unique financial challenges and stress for first-gen students.

On average, parental income for first-generation scholars is approximately \$47,000. Scholars can apply for financial aid, grants, and scholarships to alleviate stress. Remember to file your FAFSA by May 15th, 2025.

Compare financial aid offers and packages and contact your college's financial aid office for support.

FAFSA



SCHOLARSHIPS



RESOURCES



You Belong!

Being a first-generation scholar
does NOT mean you don't belong.
You do belong.

Launch into YOUR future and apply today.

