

UNDERSTANDING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS



FIRST-GEN CHALLENGES

- 1 Lack of Understanding**
Students often deal with all applications (FASFA, admissions, registering for classed,etc.) and college journey by themselves.
- 2 Students are intimidated by college costs**
High prices of college may stop students from applying to dream schools.
- 3 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.

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.

Median Parental Income for Dependent Students

\$41,000 for first-generation students

\$90,000 for continuing generation students

