



First-Generation college students are defined as someone whose parent(s)/guardians did not complete a 4-year degree OR completed a degree at a foreign university. Being first-generation is important to note as parents may not understand the nuances of higher education, thus leaving the students at a disadvantage.

<p>33% of students are considered first-generation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o 59% of first-generation students are also the first sibling in their family to attend college</li></ul> <p>After six years of first entering postsecondary education, 56% of first-generation college students have not earned any postsecondary credential.</p> <p>In their first year in postsecondary education, a higher percentage of first-generation students used financial aid services, but lower percentages used health, academic advising, and academic support services.</p>	<p>First-generation students are breaking down barriers and paving new paths for themselves.</p> <p>Being first-generation is a motivator for many students.</p> <p>Going to college means learning to walk between worlds, and for some, never quite fitting in to either. Support from institutions and faculty members can have a real and positive impact on first-generation students.</p> <p>First-generation students have identified mentorship as a key component of successful student services.</p>
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