



FIRST GENERATION RESOURCES

WOHS College + Career Center

What is a First Gen?

Being a first-gen student means that your parent(s) did not complete a 4-year college or university degree, regardless of other family member's level of education.

What if my older sibling(s) graduated college or attends college now? Even if you have older siblings that went to or are currently in college, you are still a first-gen student.

What resources are available to first-gen college students? Nearly all schools have dedicated resources such as academic and career advising and peer mentorship to support first-gen students. Many offer partial or full tuition scholarships as well as financial assistance for things like housing, meal plans, and other college related expenses. *Every school is different so researching what each school offers is important.*

FLORIDA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES FIRST GEN RESOURCES

This is intended to be a starting point, not a comprehensive guide. Students should research opportunities at each institution.



FAU

FAU First Gen Overview → <https://www.fau.edu/firstgen/>

Kelly/Strul Scholarship: The Kelly/Strul Emerging Scholars Program assists academically talented first-generation, low-income students to **graduate debt-free** from Florida Atlantic University in four years or less. The program provides scholars with financial resources, academic support, wraparound services, mentorship, and memorable life experiences that help them become successful leaders.

- <https://kellystrulscholars.fau.edu/>



FSU

Quest Scholars: QUEST Scholars is an *invitation only program*, with selection occurring through review of admitted students' admissions applications. Students do not provide a separate application to QUEST Scholars.

- <https://care.fsu.edu/quest-scholars-program>

Summer Bridge: The Summer Bridge Program (SBP) is designed to provide a comprehensive orientation and transition experience for first-generation college students who are also from limited income families (eligible for Pell-Grant).

- **Applicants for SBP must be Florida residents and should have a 3.0 weighted academic GPA, 19 ACT composite or 990 Total SAT Score**
- Review all qualifications for Summer Bridge prior to beginning your application.
 - <https://care.fsu.edu/apply>
- Apply using the Common App or FSU Institutional Application.
- Applying by December 1 will allow you to receive a decision on February 15.
- Final deadline is March 1, 2023.



UCF

UCF First Gen Overview → <https://mass.sdes.ucf.edu/programs/first/>

First Gen Matching Grant: Need-based financial aid program supported with both institutional and state funding. First Generation students can apply for various First Generation Matching Grants via [Access to Opportunities \(A2O\)](#). By completing the general A2O application and then the general First Generation Matching Grant application, you will be reviewed for eligibility. Students will be notified they have been selected for a First Generation Matching Grant via an email to their Knights Email account by the end of the Spring semester. The selected candidates will have an award posted on their Award Summary. Students will also need to complete the post-acceptance process through A2O.

- <https://www.ucf.edu/financial-aid/types/grants/first-generation-matching/>

Brother 2 Brother: A hands-on program intended to increase the retention and success of Multicultural and First Generation males at UCF. Participation is voluntary, but space is limited! → <https://mass.sdes.ucf.edu/programs/b2b/>

UF

UF First Gen Overview → <https://firstgeneration.ufsa.ufl.edu/>

Machlen Florida Opportunity Scholars: In order to be reviewed for the Machlen Florida Opportunity Scholarship, students must meet these minimum eligibility requirements:

- First-time-in-college freshman at UF who have been admitted to UF by March 15 (transfer students are not eligible).
- First-generation college student as defined by neither parent having a bachelor's degree (if parent has a bachelor's degree from another country, student is ineligible).
- Florida resident
- U.S Citizen or permanent resident
- Graduated from a Florida High School within the last three years and during that time was not enrolled as a degree-seeking student in another institution.
- Total parents' income equal to or less than \$55,000
- Total parents' assets as reported on the FAFSA less than \$35,000
- Applied for aid by completing an error-free FAFSA

OTHER EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Click on the scholarship for more information

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose Your Future Scholarship Fund• Cynthia E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship• Farash Foundation First in Family• FirstGen Fellows• Florida FGMG• Fontana Transport Inc. Scholars Program• I'm First! Scholarship• ISFA First Generation College Program• First in My Family Scholarship• Smith Scholarship Foundation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• StudySoup First in Family Scholarship• TIP Grants• TELACU Education Foundation College Success Program• Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship• Walmart Foundation First Generation Scholarship• UNCF Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship• VAMOS Scholarships |
|---|--|