



RESOURCES FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS

Are you planning to be one of the first generation of your family to obtain a four-year college degree? Even though neither of your parents finished college, their hard work and dedication has made your achievement possible! Many first generation students need some help navigating the college admissions process, because it is a new experience for your family. Fortunately, the organizations below offer free assistance that can help you achieve your college dreams.

Palouse Pathways is a local non-profit organization that helps families navigate the college admissions process. We're here to help answer questions about college admissions and financial aid, and we can help you access the resources listed below. All of our services are all free. Email us at palousepathways@gmail.com, or find us on the web at www.palousepathways.org or text 208 301-5099

These Resources are available to all first gen students:

College Greenlight connects first generation and underrepresented students to caring colleges, generous scholarships, and life-changing counselors and mentors. Their Greenlight Scholars application is a new way for low income and first generation students to apply to college. Open to all students.

www.collegegreenlight.com

I'm First is an online community celebrating first generation college students and supporting those who would be. They offer inspiring stories, answers to college questions, and access to colleges that want to help you succeed. Open to all students. You can sign up at www.imfirst.org.

There are many scholarships intended for first gen students. This site provides a good list. <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/circumstances/first-generation-scholarships/>

These Resources are available to high achieving low income students through an application process:

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation offers a scholarship program for low income, high achieving high school seniors with financial need. High SAT or ACT scores (≥ 1200 or ≥ 26) and GPA (≥ 3.5). Winners receive up to \$40,000 per year in scholarships, and personal advising about selecting a college and succeeding in college. **Apply by November 14, 2017.** www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship

LEDA Scholars Program is for high achieving JUNIORS from low income families who demonstrate leadership. Special consideration for first gen students. LEDA Scholars receive training, writing instruction, standardized test prep and personal guidance through the admissions process at the most competitive colleges. Final date to apply Dec. 12, 2017. <http://ledascholars.org/about-us/>

Questbridge offers two programs for high achieving students from first generation and/or low income students. In order to qualify, students need high PSAT/SAT or ACT scores (>1260 or more, >27 or more), top grades (top 5-10% of class) and low family income (\$65,000 or less). One program, **College Prep Scholars**, is open to high school juniors and helps them prepare for college admissions and visit colleges. The Deadline to apply is in March. The other program, **National College Match**, is open to high school seniors and allows them to gain admission to top colleges and universities. The deadline is in September. www.questbridge.org.

Collegepoint offers free mentoring and advising through the college process, from selecting schools to applying to choosing which school to attend. Open to **seniors** with good grades and test scores and family income of less than \$80,000. www.collegepoint.info

Matriculate offers free mentoring and advising provided by students from low income backgrounds now attending top colleges. The program is open to high school juniors with good grades and test scores and family income of less than \$80,000. www.matriculate.org.

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