What is First Generation College Bound?

First Generation College Bound (FGCB) exists to empower youth from low to moderate income families to achieve social and economic success by providing guidance, encouragement, and support in obtaining a college degree.

The organization has the following goals:

- To educate students and their parents/guardians about the importance of taking required standardized admission tests, such as the SAT and ACT.
- To educate students and their parents/guardians about financial resources available.
- To help students develop a college-bound strategy based on their academic and financial profile.
- To assist students and their parents/guardians in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the required student aid form for financial aid, along with other federal and state need-based applications.
- To make parents/guardians aware of their role in motivating, encouraging, and assisting their student in the college-bound process.

Why First Generation College Bound?

Educational resources are available to support students of low and moderate income families to attend college. Many of these students have the desire to attend college, but are unaware of the resources or don’t have a sufficient educational support system at home or in the community. These students can decide at an early age that they aren’t likely to attend college, and then they do not perform up to their potential in the classroom. Other students complete the requirements to attend college but do not attend because they do not believe they will succeed at college-level work. Others are discouraged by application and financial aid processes. Some students, who do attend college, return home because the college is not a good fit based on their academic and financial profile.

What does FGCB’s College Access program provide?

FGCB provides encouragement and support through the following college-bound workshops:

- SAT Awareness
- College Admissions Process
- FAFSA Help Session
- Financial Aid
- College Affordability
- Transitioning to College

FGCB also offers:

- An annual recognition program for college-bound high school graduates
- One-on-one guidance, encouragement, and support

Eligibility:

FGCB provides college access services to Maryland students in Prince George’s County and surrounding counties. FGCB operates five satellite centers at the following Prince George’s County high schools: Central, Fairmont Heights, Laurel, Parkdale and Potomac.

Enrollment criteria:

- Low to moderate income family or parents without a bachelor’s degree
- Desire to attend college
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Supportive parent/guardian in the college-bound process
- Completed College Access application and required student/parent orientation

If you are interested in obtaining additional information to enroll in FGCB’s College Access program, please complete the attached interest card and return it to the FGCB representative or mail to FGCB, 8101 Sandy Spring Rd., Suite 230, Laurel, Maryland 20707.