



Our Mission: First Generation College Bound exists to inspire youth from low-income and first-generation families to achieve social and economic success by providing advice, encouragement, and support to obtain a college degree.

For over 35 years, First Generation College Bound (FGCB) has been helping young people to realize the dream of being the first in their families to obtain a college degree. A postsecondary credential has never been more important. In today's economy, higher education is no longer a luxury for the privileged, but a necessity for economic opportunity and America's competitiveness in the global economy. A college education remains the best investment a student can make in his or her future.

Who Do We Serve?

2564

Students annually from first grade through college

92%

Families below the median Prince George's County income

85%

Free and Reduced Meals Students (FARMS)

16%

Live below the federal poverty line



WINNING ATTITUDE FOR EDUCATION

However, many low-income and first-generation students and their families believe that college is financially out of reach for them. Others don't value higher education because they don't know anyone in their personal lives who have attended college or benefited from post-secondary education. Knowing that attitude influences an individual's choices, action, and responses to challenges, FGCB created the Winning Attitude for Education and infuses it throughout all our work.

The Winning Attitude for Education is the character development component of FGCB's work that also promotes social and emotional learning. It is comprised of three zones—overcoming challenges, taking action, and achieving results.

FGCB administers two programs that provide **advice, encouragement, and support to 2000 students annually, from first grade through college**. Both programs are grounded in our Winning Attitude for Education philosophy, which reinforces FGCB's values around self-determination and taking responsibility for one's own actions.

- 1. College Success** is FGCB's signature program with two key components—College Access and College Retention—that support the Winning Attitude for Education model. Coaches encourage students to believe in themselves, set goals, and understand the hard work needed to achieve those goals.
 - **College Access** provides one-on-one coaching and workshops focused on the college bound process.
 - **Best Fit and College Affordability** services assist students and their parents in understanding the college bound process and selecting 'best fit' and affordable colleges based on the student's academic profile and the family's financial profile.
 - **Matriculation Support** services are designed to prevent the summer melt—a phenomenon in which college intending students, who have received admission to a college of their choice, do not attend due to missing forms, deposits, or incomplete financial aid.
 - **College Retention** supports students during their college tenure by providing care packages, financial aid support, advocacy, and social and networking sessions during college breaks.
- 2. Homework Club** is a neighborhood-based program that supports youth in grades 1-12 residing in the Kimberly Gardens community with homework help as well as on- and off-site educational enrichment activities. Services are designed to help students develop good study habits, reinforce learning taught in school, help students build character, encourage students to achieve academically, make students and parents aware of educational resources to improve academic performance, and make parents aware of opportunities for their children to attend college.

FGCB makes a long-term commitment to the young people we serve for them to attend and graduate college. By maintaining relationships with students and families, those students who participate in Homework Club in the first grade can expect to participate in the College Success program in high school as long as they remain in the state of Maryland. We continue to maintain a relationship with and track students through college completion and beyond.

Our Impact



3697

Students have entered college



2295

Students are currently in college



1207

Higher Ed. achievements
**Associate: 186, Bachelor's: 838,
Master's: 162, PhDs/Professional
Doctorates: 21**



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In financial aid awarded in 2025