



First Generation Scholars Network



CONNECTING FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE

If you have students who are first generation (neither of their parents obtained a postsecondary degree), check out how a collaboration with ISAC's First Generation Scholars Network could benefit your institution.

When your students join the First Generation Scholars Network (FGSN), they can connect with, collaborate, and learn from other first generation students by:

- Joining in person and virtual events for first generation students
- Building their network of first generation students to share stories, information, and tips to help them navigate college
- Learning from first generation college graduates and professionals

In addition, students can get all their college planning and financial aid questions answered year-round with free assistance from the ISACorps!™

Ready to partner with FGSN? Questions?

Email us at ISAC.FirstGEN@Illinois.gov.

Order free ISAC materials, including the student FGSN postcard, at isac.org/ordermaterials/order-materials.html

Additional supports available to first generation students and parents

High School Seniors

- Application assistance with FAFSA or Alternative Application completion
- Assistance with FAFSA verification process
- Assistance with completion of college applications
- Summer engagement to prevent summer melt

First-year college students

- Assistance with renewal of financial aid applications
- Opportunities to build a network with other first generation students throughout the state
- Invitations to attend campus events specifically for first generation students

Parents

- Informative short videos featuring tips for supporting students transitioning from high school to college
- Seasonal newsletters for parents of first gen students
- Submit questions and receive answers from ISAC experts by participating in livestream events or by emailing ISAC.FirstGEN@Illinois.gov

