

# Inequality in college opportunity



You may think that anyone has the opportunity to go to college; however, is it really that fair? Students who's parents or grandparents have college degrees are drastically more likely to obtain a college degree than first generation college students.

## Lack of Preparation



First generation college students do not have the opportunity to prepare for college. This is due to a lack of resources to learn more about the college experience. This lack of preparation causes many other issues that further the inequality of college opportunity between first and multi generation college students.

## Inequality in Funding



Due to the lack of proper preparation, first generation college students do not know how many scholarships are available to them. The education that most multi-generation college students have is superior to first generation college students. This makes it more difficult for first generation college students to get scholarships because multi-generation students can write superior scholarship application essays.

## Lack of connections



First generation college students do not have the same access to networking that multi-generation college students have. This comes two fold due to multi-generation college students having their parents to give them advice on the college experience but also due to getting connecting with people through their parents.

## Misunderstandings and Gaps in Knowledge



First generation college students have gaps in their knowledge that derives from simply being a first college students. These gaps in knowledge can go anywhere from what the "R" stands for on a college schedule, that a student is responsible for buying their own textbooks, to extremely important things like how to register for classes.

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