



Being a first generation (1G) college student means neither of your parents earned a Bachelor's degree. The Office of First Generation Initiatives was created in 2011 by the Provost to lead campus wide efforts to recruit, retain and graduate more first-generation students at the University of Kentucky. To date, 1 in 5 incoming freshmen at UK are first-generation and they are retained at a rate 10% less than their continuing generation peers. Beyond scholarship programs, below are some programs and services available at UK.

### [LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY \(1GLLC\)](#)

The First Generation Living Learning Community is a residential experience designed to support first generation students and assist them with their transition from high school into college life at UK. Academic success is encouraged through connected courses with their peers, increased faculty and staff interaction, as well as intentional programming efforts. All students who participate in the 1G LLC will reside in Baldwin Hall. 95% of our LLC participants return for their sophomore year. Incoming freshmen can apply for the 1GLLC on their housing application. The program is available to all students and features connected classes, in-hall study groups, intentional programming, and community service.

### [EMBRACE](#)

If you have ever been displaced from your family of origin, experienced foster care, been a ward of the state, been adopted, been orphaned, experienced homelessness, or been an independent student, then you qualify for EMBRACE. The program is a holistic effort to provide students with a support system necessary to pursue higher education and transition smoothly through college.

- Secondary advising through the Office of First Generation Initiatives
- Connections with the Office of Financial Aid
- Opportunities for additional scholarships and financial resources
- Workshops to connect you with campus partners to support your path to graduation
- Break housing for students living on campus
- An early move-in bridge program to provide an orientation to life at UK

### [RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH](#) - <http://libguides.uky.edu/firstgen>

A guide to research and relevant literature about first generation college students.

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