

Are you currently taking college preparatory classes in high school? Is your overall GPA 3.0 or higher? Are you planning to attend a four-year college? Do you have questions about the college application and acceptance process? If so, FirstGen College Counseling, supported by Corazón Healdsburg, is here to help!

The mission of FirstGen is to help prepare high-achieving, historically-underserved high school students in Healdsburg become first in their families to successfully attend four-year colleges that offer sufficient financial aid support.

Starting in 9th grade, FirstGen helps you make the right academic decisions in high school as well as manage the entire college admissions process. Working one-on-one with Dr. Rhodes and in small groups with other students, FirstGen matches student strengths and career aspirations with corresponding four-year colleges and scholarship opportunities.

Student Eligibility Requirements

- Will be first in family to complete college
- From a family with demonstrated financial need
- Desire to attend a four-year college
- Willing to attend college out of state
- Enrolled in college preparatory courses at Healdsburg High School
- Maintain a college-track GPA of 3.0 or higher

Student Program Requirements

- **Students meet 1-2 times per month after school with FirstGen to discuss course selections, A-G graduation requirements (eligible for admission to UC/CSU), academic progress, what it means to be college-ready, scholarship opportunities, summer programs, etc.**
- Students and their families meet with FirstGen to conceptualize, organize, and create a college-going plan
- Students and families attend Corazón Healdsburg potluck dinners to learn what it means to be “college-ready” and what families can do to support their children
- FirstGen will monitor each student’s grades and in-class performance as well as help students find outside support when needed
- FirstGen will help manage each student’s community service hours and ensure they match student’s interests and goals
- FirstGen will support each student in applying for summer enrichment programs
- FirstGen will advise students concerning outside resources to further support college-readiness
- FirstGen will help students research and recommend four-year colleges and universities that best match students’ needs and career aspirations

Applications must be fully completed in order to be considered for the program. The information you provide will be kept strictly confidential, so it will not be shared with anyone outside of the application reviewing committee. If you have any questions about the application or information requested, please email Dr. Lori Rhodes at rhodes.firstgen@gmail.com or call (707) 385.1095.

Please attach your unofficial high school transcript to this application.

Student Name _____ Student Grade _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Student Email _____

Parent Name 1 _____

Parent Name 2 _____

Parent 1 Phone _____ Parent 1 Email _____

Parent 2 Phone _____ Parent 2 Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Student Gender _____

Student Ethnicity African American Asian Native American
White/Caucasian Latino Multiracial Other _____

Names and Grades of Siblings • _____
• _____
• _____

Primary Language Spoken at Home _____

Parent 1 Highest Level of Education _____

Parent 2 Highest Level of Education _____

Student Extracurricular Activities • _____ • _____
(Days of the Week) • _____ • _____

Do you have a working computer at your home? YES NO

What is your overall GPA in school? _____

Has anyone in your family attended or completed college? • _____

(List relationship and if completed degree) • _____

Does your family receive financial assistance for housing from the government? YES NO

Does your family receive financial assistance for medical insurance (Medical) from the government? YES NO

Does your family receive financial assistance for food (WIC, CalFresh, etc.) from the government? YES NO

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch at school? YES NO

What is your approximate household income? Under \$20,000 \$20,000-\$40,000
 \$40,000-\$60,000 \$60,000-\$80,000
 Over \$80,000

Preferred Day and Time to Meet with FirstGen (Give 3 Options) • _____
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By enrolling in the FirstGen program, I agree to the following:

1. I will commit to one academic year of FirstGen College Counseling, to be renewed each June before the next school year.
2. I will attend regular meetings with FirstGen. If I am going to miss a meeting, I will alert FirstGen as soon as possible.
3. My family and I will attend potluck dinners to learn about and celebrate college-going culture.
4. I will maintain a 3.0 GPA.
5. I will enroll in college preparatory classes at Healdsburg High School.
6. I will apply to summer programs while working with FirstGen, and I will attend if accepted and it's possible to go.
7. I will explore options of attending college outside of the Sonoma County area.
8. I will ask questions about college.
9. I will support my FirstGen peers.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date