

College Success Roadmap

Rise First's College Success Roadmap is aimed to enable first-generation student success. With this roadmap, Rise First hopes to provide first-generation, low-income (FGLI) students with a deeper understanding of undergraduate experiences and empower them to fully utilize campus resources, build a support network, and maximize opportunities of higher education.

Visit RiseFirst.org for additional resources, scholarships, and tools to enable your success.

Pre-College		
Academic	Health	Financial
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm enrollment with your university <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check enrollment fees (+deadlines) and waiver eligibility, if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Provide necessary transcripts and paperwork, if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Check if your university offers a pre-freshmen, summer bridge, or orientation program(s) for students from marginalized backgrounds <input type="checkbox"/> Take necessary placement exams , such as language, intro-level courses (i.e. math), writing, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check if your AP and/or community college courses may waive or replace credit for some introductory and/or language courses <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with current students from the university you'll be attending to gain insight and advice <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with academic portal for course registration <input type="checkbox"/> Draft a tentative academic schedule to be discussed with your academic advisor <input type="checkbox"/> Check course registration deadlines 	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit necessary medical health records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collect all of your proper vaccines/immunization records <input type="checkbox"/> Keep personal (electronic) copies <input type="checkbox"/> If missing vaccinations, check low-cost clinic(s) near you or even at your university for services <input type="checkbox"/> Show proof of healthcare coverage, if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for health coverage/insurance through your university, if applicable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check if your university offers health insurance as part of tuition/financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your financial aid office or student health services for alternative, affordable health coverage options 	<input type="checkbox"/> Research work-study and/or part-time jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with your financial aid office and/or career services office for work study eligibility and opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm if the scholarship is sent to the recipient (you) directly or to the school's financial aid office <input type="checkbox"/> Review if your scholarship offers programming beyond financial aid (i.e. mentorship)
<div style="text-align: center;">Social</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Join your university's Facebook group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Search on Facebook "Your University, Class of 2022" <input type="checkbox"/> Attend any meetups or events hosted by your university in your area		
<div style="text-align: center;">Other</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for on-campus living and dining , if applicable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Join your university's Facebook group to look for roommates <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare living preferences for potential roommate(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Register for on-campus housing (check deadline!) <input type="checkbox"/> Familiarize yourself with dining plan options <input type="checkbox"/> Mark your calendar for move-in day, orientation day (or week), first day of classes, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with future roommates to purchase shared and personal supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate college acceptances and high school milestones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in National Signing Day <input type="checkbox"/> Wear your college gear proudly <input type="checkbox"/> Relax, but finish high school strong! 		



MESSAGE FROM RISE FIRST

Rise First is an online platform with a goal to be a one-stop destination for first-generation, low-income (FGLI) students and professionals to turn to for information, advice, and support. Rise First is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that is built for and by FGLI students and professionals.

We understand that FGLI students often lack proper resources, guidance, social and professional support as compared to their non-FGLI counterparts. At Rise First, we are committed to helping close this achievement gap by sharing information specifically curated for FGLI students. To create this college success roadmap, we sourced tips and advice from existing FGLI students and recent graduates as well as educators from across the country. We hope this guide/tool will help you successfully navigate college and support your undergraduate journey.

Please check out our website, RiseFirst.org, for the latest roadmap as we will continue to update with new tips and advice.