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Hello my name is Memuna Bangura and a student in First Generation College Bounds College Access Program. First Generation College Bound has been a gateway to opportunities and has provided support throughout my college journey. One important benefit is getting to know more about state grants and scholarships that I wouldn't have known about. Being a part of First Generation College Bound has allowed me to receive advice and encouragement. FGCB ensures I know of the state grants and scholarships that I may qualify for through my MDCAPS account, by giving constant support making sure I am equipped with the tools and support needed for my education.

FGCB workshops allow us students and parents to learn more about financial aid and what they have to offer. Field trips help us to make real-world connections by learning more about our potential careers. FGCB is a family for us first-generation students allowing us to talk to past students and mentors for a sense of encouragement in this college journey. In conclusion, I believe First Generation College Bound has allowed me to take important steps in furthering my education while providing knowledge on financial aid and college to make the best fit for me while also being a constant support. Without FGCB trying to fill and apply for college, grant and scholarships as a first-generation student would have been a challenge.