

Good afternoon everyone my name is Kelly Atabong, I am a graduating senior and I currently attend Bowie state university. Today I be talking about challenges I have had with keeping my GA grant and how first generations college bound has helped and worked with me to obtain and keep this grant. During my senior of high school, I had no idea which college I wanted to go to or how I was going to pay for school but, in the first quarter of my senior year I was introduced to Ms. Deja from First Generation College Bound who helped me all throughout high school until I got to college. During this process I faced a lot of challenges, which included understanding the GA grant, turning in paper work and doing appeals which was very exhausting process but with the help of FGCB they gave me the motivation to keep going. I faced another challenge during my junior year of college after taking a semester off, this almost caused me to lose the GA grant but thanks to FGCB they were able to help and guide me on getting the GA grant back. Having the guarantee access grant has helped me tremendously because I am able to graduate this May with no debt which makes medical school more attainable for me as I continue to pursue my dreams.

Thank you,
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