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Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024

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Thank you so much for your interest in the 2024 FamilyU Cohort!

The FamilyU Cohort is a comprehensive, customized, evidence-based, two-year capacity-building experience designed to create and refine institutional competencies to improve undergraduate student parent success. In partnership with institutional staff and student parents, colleges and universities participate in peer learning convenings and campus-focused independent coaching sessions.

Through FamilyU, partner institutions will fundamentally shift the higher education system for student parents by:

- Improving data collection methods and tools to better track the parenting status of your students.
- Increasing awareness of the student parent population enrolled at your institution and their needs for college completion by cultivating student parent champions at your institution to galvanize systems-change efforts.
- Boosting student enrollment, retention, and completion rates at your institution by developing and implementing racially equitable, parent-friendly policies at all levels on your campus to help students thrive.
- Deepening relationships with peer institutions and field experts working to improve student outcomes.

Through the application process, we will select five institutions to engage in this unique capacity-building opportunity. A few reminders before completing the application:

- Applications are due on May 3, 2024 by 11:59 PM EST.
- This application will take approximately 15 minutes to complete not including submitting supplemental documents. Once you begin the application, you may save and come back, if needed.
- Only one application per institution will be accepted.
- Each institution must designate a FamilyU Point of Contact (lead) who is authorized to complete and submit the application on behalf of the institution. The point of contact will field all correspondence related to the FamilyU Cohort and will identify team members from the identified functional areas.
- Ensure that you have reviewed the PDF version of the FamilyU Cohort Application and the FAQ before beginning your application.
- Each institution will be required to pay $10,000 _per year_ to participate, with the first payment due by June 30, 2024. *Please note that this fee will be waived for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).*
  - **UPDATE as of 3/22/24:** In addition to this annual fee, **each institution will be responsible for covering their team members' lodging and travel costs for convenings.** *(Lodging and airfare will be covered for one HBCU)*
- Institutions will be notified of selection by late May 2024.

For specific questions, you may contact the Generation Hope team at familyu@generationhope.org. We look forward to receiving your application.

Q1: To be eligible for the FamilyU Cohort, prospective institutions must meet all of the following criteria. Please check each box to indicate your institution meets these criteria.

- ☐ Be a non-profit, post-secondary education institution (including public, private, 2-year, and 4-year institutions).
- ☐ Be located in the United States.
- ☐ Have a demonstrated interest in serving the undergraduate student parent population enrolled at your institution.
- ☐ Have a demonstrated commitment to racially-equitable practices at your institution.
- ☐ Be amenable to data sharing with the larger student-parent field.
- ☐ Have a committed group of student parent champions who are willing to serve on the institutional team as a part of the FamilyU Cohort. This commitment will require multi-day travel to various cities throughout the United States. Participating Institutions will cover expenses related to their team's lodging, air travel, and ground transportation.
- ☐ Have the support of institutional leadership.

Q2: Name of Institution:

Q3: Institution Address:

Q4: Check all that apply to your institution:

- ☐ Public
- ☐ Private
- ☐ Two-Year
- ☐ Four-Year
- ☐ Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- ☐ Predominantly Black Institution (PBI)
- ☐ Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)
- ☐ Tribal College or University (TCU)
- ☐ Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI)

Q5: What is your institution's current undergraduate, degree-seeking enrollment?

Q6: FamilyU Team Lead Name:

Q7: FamilyU Team Lead Title:

Q8: FamilyU Team Lead Email Address:

Q9: FamilyU Team Lead Phone Number:

Q10: What initiatives, projects, etc., have you developed to support student parents at your institution, if any? Include links to websites, if applicable.

Q11: Which of the following are available at your institution for student use, if any?

- ☐ A place on campus where students can go to get diapers and other children's supplies
- ☐ Childcare offered at on-campus events
- ☐ Diaper-changing stations in the bathrooms
- ☐ Events specifically for parenting students
- ☐ Family-friendly spaces in libraries or lounges
- ☐ Family housing
- ☐ Lactation Rooms
- ☐ On-campus Childcare
- ☐ Photos displayed of students with their children
- ☐ Parent or Expectant Parent Parking Spaces
- ☐ Playground
- ☐ Play areas in waiting rooms
- ☐ Priority Registration for Student Parents
- ☐ Title IX website that specifically outlines support for pregnant and/or parenting students
- ☐ None

Q12: Please provide a link to the best representation of your institution's race equity (or Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) work. This can be a webpage, blog, article, your strategic plan, etc. Please also include how you plan to incorporate student parents into your DEI work and initiatives.

Q13: If you would prefer to upload a file to represent your race equity work, please do so here.

Q14: If your institution were selected for this cohort, what unique perspectives and assets would your institution bring to the group?

Q15: What is your institution's desired outcome(s) for participating in this cohort?

Institutional Team

Q16: Each participating institution is required to have a team of 6 members -- one key staff member with decision-making authority from each of the following suggested departments or functional areas:

1) Student Services

2) Facilities/Campus Planning

3) Faculty/Academic Affairs

4) Institutional Research

5) Financial Aid

6) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Please identify each member of your team with their name, title, department/area, email address, and phone number below.
Please note: If you need assistance in thinking about who could comprise your team, reach out to us at familyu@generationhope.org

Q17: Have you confirmed with each of the individuals named above that they are willing to commit to the following during the two-year FamilyU Cohort (from July 2024 to July 2026)?

- ☐ Complete the FamilyU Student Parent Capacity Assessment in July 2024
- ☐ Attend 8 cohort convenings. *Participation will require multi-day travel to various cities throughout the United States*:
    - July 24 & 25, 2024 (virtual)
    - October 16 & 17, 2024
    - February 12 & 13, 2025
    - March 26 & 27, 2025 *(revised 3/22/24)*
    - June 11 & 12, 2025
    - October 9 & 10, 2025
    - February 25 & 26, 2026
    - June 25 & 26, 2026
- ☐ Attend monthly coaching sessions with Generation Hope staff between the convenings
- ☐ Put mechanisms in place to track the parenting status of your students
- ☐ Share data on student parent progress at 6 months, 1 year, and 2 years after the cohort has ended
- ☐ Contribute to work plan deliverables that require time outside of coaching and convenings

Q18: To complete the application, please upload a Letter of Support signed by your President/Chancellor on the institution's letterhead. Your letter must include 1) a statement from the President/Chancellor expressing support for and commitment to the institution participating in the cohort; 2) a commitment from the President/Chancellor to attend the FamilyU Presidents/Chancellor Summit & Policy Convening on February 11 & 12, 2025.

Q19: Is there anything else you'd like to share with Generation Hope as we consider your application?