97% of First Star seniors graduated from high school in the spring

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION TRACK
Of the scholars who graduated in June of 2022, 91% enrolled in post-secondary education. Post-secondary education includes universities and colleges, as well as trade and vocational schools.

EMPLOYMENT OR MILITARY TRACK
Of the scholars who graduated in June of 2022 who did not enroll in higher education, the majority entered the workforce.

First Star uses a long-term case management system to support the work First Star does to achieve the results listed, as well as supports scholars in enrolling into the Alumni program for additional supports after they graduate.

First Star vs National Outcomes

97% graduated from high school in June 2022 compared to 50% of foster youth nationwide

91% are pursuing higher education compared to 10% of foster youth nationwide

66% are pursuing higher education by enrolling in four year colleges

Source: National Foster Youth Institute, Higher Education for Foster Youth, https://nfyi.org/issues/higher-education/
Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), made available through the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect.
First Star compares scholar graduation data annually to measure progress and identify areas of growth to focus on during the following school year.

**2020-2021 vs 2021-2022 Comparison Data**

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**Key Data Points**

- 11% increase in high school graduation rate
- 6% increase in two-year college enrollment
- 13% decrease in vocational school enrollment

**Major Takeaways**

- An increase in the number of First Star scholars who are pursuing four-year colleges
- Scholars are pursuing more 2-year schools and pathways into college that allow for more flexibility for them to work part-time
- Scholar’s participation in First Star National programs such as the Scholar Advisory Committee (SAC), the Alumni Program, and The STEAM Academy provides each youth with experiential opportunities to learn more about various areas of study and careers that encourage high school persistence and college attainment

**What Scholars are Saying about First Star’s Impact**

- 94% of First Star Scholars believe attending college is possible for them
- 89% of First Star Scholars say that getting good grades is important to them
- 87% of First Star Scholars feel like they have a plan for the future
- 76% of First Star Scholars feel stronger because of their experience in foster care
- 70% of First Star Scholars feel like First Star has helped them DREAM BIGGER

Source: All data above is reflective of a report compiled from an internal scholar survey that was developed by Tiller Inc. First Star Survey Key Findings, Tiller Inc. June 2018