

Beyond Financial Aid

<http://www.luminafoundation.org/resources/beyond-financial-aid-guidebook>

In order to help raise the completion rates of low-income students, which will improve their economic opportunity and engagement in civic life, colleges must strengthen their support for these at-risk students in ways that go **beyond traditional financial aid**.

The following graphic illustrates the advantage that wealth confers on even those students who do poorly on tests and thus are predicted to drop out. Poor students with above-average ability have lower rates of completion than the richest students with below-average test scores.

