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## Who goes to college? Evidence from the NLSY97

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Estimates from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 show that sex, race, and ethnicity are unrelated to the student抯 decision to complete the first year of college, but are related to the decision to start college; high school grades, by contrast, affect both the decision to start college and the decision to stay in college for the first year.

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