

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

The only thing more expensive than going to college? **Not** going to college



\$1M

Workers with only a high school diploma earn **\$1 million less** over a lifetime than college graduates

\$3.4 M

Your college major plays a large role in how much you earn post-graduation. Workers with highest paying majors earn **\$3.4 million more** than those with lowest-paying majors

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Find stable fields of study:

Not sure about 4+ years of college? These fields are growing and don't require a bachelors degree:



Electrical power-line installers & repairers

\$63,000



Coding/Computer Programming:

\$59,000



Cyber Security

\$66,000



Funeral Services

\$43,000



Dental Hygiene

\$41,000



Sales

\$49,000



Firefighters

\$59,000

Ask questions to avoid future debt

About yourself:

What do you enjoy?
What are you good at?
What is important to you in life?

About where to study:

How many students who enroll complete?
How many find jobs?
Does the school help you find a job?
How much money do graduates earn?

About financial aid:

What is the application process like?
How much aid can you qualify for?
How do you manage it?

About making money:

What do different careers pay?

Websites to help guide your decisions

MY NEXT MOVE

College Scorecard

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

THE ECONOMIC VALUE of
COLLEGE MAJORS

Anthony P. Carnevale | Ban Chhab | Andrew R. Hanson
2015

SOURCE: "Career and Technical Education, Five Ways That Pay Along the Way to the B.A." Employment of middle skill workers and average annual wages are based on analysis of American Community Survey (ACS), 2010 data. Projected growth rates are based on CEW projections of change in total employment by detailed occupation from 2010 to 2020.