

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

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



\$3.4M

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

\$1M

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



Find stable fields of study:

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

	Cyber Security	\$66,000
	Electrical power-line installers & repairers	\$63,000
	Firefighters	\$59,000
	Coding/Computer Programming:	\$59,000
	Sales	\$49,000
	Funeral Services	\$43,000
	Dental Hygiene	\$41,000

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
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THE ECONOMIC VALUE of COLLEGE MAJORS

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