LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
The only thing more expensive than going to college? *Not* going to college

Find stable fields of study:
Not sure about 4+ years of college? These fields are growing and don’t require a bachelor’s 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

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

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.

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
- The Economic Value of College Majors