



Choices After High School

After high school graduation students will take many different paths. There are various options from which to choose. Here are just few of the choices you have after graduation.

Obtain a full-time job

A full-time job will help you gain experience, learn about an occupation, and earn money that could be spent on college. Finding a job that will help you acquire job skills is important. In addition, you may also be able to get tuition reimbursement for college study or specialized training.

Enlist in the military

There are many different military divisions. Most of them offer career training and the ability to save money for college or other things. Enlisting means that you agree to serve a specific number of years. Discuss job training and responsibilities before you enlist.

Attend a two-year college

Local community colleges are an economical way to begin your college career. They are good choices if you do not know what career you are interested in.

Apprenticeship Training

Apprenticeships combine on-the-job training with classroom training and usually last two to six years. The pay for apprenticeships is usually approximately half of the amount of fully trained workers.

Attend a four-year college

Many students attend a four-year college to pursue a bachelor's degree. You can choose between a public or private university. Public colleges usually offer lower tuitions rates to in-state students.

Attend a career school

Private vocational schools offer various types of training in many occupations. It's a good idea to inquire as to where recent graduates are now employed.

Stop-out option

If you are interested in taking a year "off" after high school or are unsure of a career path, this could help you try various activities. You may volunteer, travel, or pursue a temporary job. Make sure to use this time wisely to learn more about yourself and improve your skills.

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