

COLLEGE PREP GUIDE

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What steps should I take before deciding what to do after high school?

Talk to your parents, relatives, friends, teachers and school counselor. Make a list of what you like to do and things that interest you. Get information about occupations and schools. Check out the student section of America's Career Resource Network (ACRN) web site at <http://www.acrnetwork.org/ncdg.htm>.

What are some ways to get an education and training after high school?

The most common are four-year colleges and universities, two-year community or technical colleges, career or technical schools, apprenticeships, the military and on-the-job training. For more information visit these related web sites:

Colleges and Universities

- College Opportunities On Line (COOL) <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool/>
- Community College Directory www.community-college.org/
- Career College or Technical School
www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/consumerinfo/index.html
- Peterson's College Guide www.petersons.com/ugchannel/www.students.gov
- Yahoo Guide to U.S. Colleges and Universities
http://dir.yahoo.com/Education/Higher_Education/College_and_Universities/United_States/
- Graduate School Information
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/gradstudent.jsp>

Apprenticeships

- U.S. Department of Labor, Find a Program
www.doleta.gov/ATELS_bat/fndprgm.cfm
- National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors
www.nastad.net/index.cfm?page=3
- State Offices of U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, and Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training
www.doleta.gov/ATELS_bat/stateoffices.cfm
- Registered Apprenticeship Brochures www.doleta.gov/ATELS_bat/e-tools.cfm
- New Apprenticeships information
www.newapprenticeships.gov.au/school_student/default.asp

Military

- Military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army), U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- General information on the military services www.todaysmilitary.com

How do I choose a college?

Colleges and universities range in size, location, cost of tuition and degree programs. There are many resources that can help you select the right institution for you. Your high school guidance counselor and your local library should have information about colleges and occupations. Resource materials that describe different occupations will often tell you about the level of education, type of degree or credentials that will best prepare you for the occupational area of interest to you.

How do I pay for college?

There are a variety of programs that the federal government, states, colleges and other organizations offer to provide financial assistance in paying for college. The U.S. Department of Education offers financial aid through several sources such as grants, loans and work-study programs. Eligibility for most grants, work-study and some loans are determined by demonstrating financial need. For more information on how to pay for college visit these related web sites:

- How to Find and Pay for College
www.ed.gov/students/college/aid/edpicks.jhtml?src=ln
- Publications on Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/publications.jsp>
- The Student Guide
http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov/

Additional Scholarship Sources

- Youth Organizations (Ex: 4-H, FFA and NHSRA)
- AQHA State Affiliates (Ex: Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association)
- State Horse Councils (Ex: Vermont Horse Council)
- Race for Education www.racingscholarships.com/index.php
- American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)
www.aaep.org/foundation_scholarships.htm
- National Youth Cutting Horse Association
www.nchacutting.com/ag/youth/nycha_scholarships.php
- National Reining Horse Youth Association www.nrhya.com/
- National Snaffle Bit Association www.nsba.com/content/view/535/285/
- United States Hunter Jumper Association
www.ushja.org/programs/college_scholarship.shtml

Visit the internet to search for other organizations that offer scholarships

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