



Why Get A College Degree?

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Knowledge, Skills, and More Opportunities

If you go to college, you'll gain information and skills that you'll use for the rest of your life, no matter what career you chose. College will enable you to:

- Expand your knowledge and skills.
- Express your thoughts clearly in speech and in writing.
- Grasp abstract concepts and theories.
- Increase your understanding of the world and your community.

What This Means for You

These benefits may sound great on their own, but college also has some very practical benefits:

- **More Job Opportunities:** The world is changing rapidly. More and more jobs require education beyond high school. College graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who don't pursue education beyond high school.
- **Earn More Money:** A person who goes to college usually earns more than a person who doesn't. According to the US Census Bureau, on average, someone with a bachelor's degree earns \$43,954—almost double the \$23,829 earned annually by someone with only a high school diploma.

It Doesn't Have to Be a Four-Year College

If you're not sure about attending college, or which college to choose, then consider attending a community college. Community colleges are public, two-year schools that provide an excellent education, whether you're considering an associate's degree, a certificate program, technical training, or plan to continue your studies at a four-year college.

Find Colleges

Use online resources to search for colleges. College Board (www.collegeboard.com) is a great place to search for colleges and match colleges to your preferences.