

POST SECONDARY PATHWAYS

EXPLORE ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS.

Seek Advice: Talk to family,
counselors, teachers, and professionals.

1 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Colleges and universities offer a range of academic programs leading to degrees such as Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorates.

- **Higher Earning Potential:** Compared to those with only a high school diploma.
- **Career Opportunities:** Many careers require a college degree.
- **Personal Growth:** Opportunities for personal development, networking, and exposure to diverse ideas.

3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community colleges offer two-year Associate degrees and various certificate programs.

- **Lower Cost:** Tuition is generally more affordable.
- **Flexible Schedules:** Offer part-time, evening, and online classes.
- **Transfer Opportunities:** Credits can often be transferred to a four-year college.

2 VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL TRAINING

Vocational schools provide specialized training for specific trades or careers.

- **Types of Programs:** HVAC, plumbing, electrical, culinary arts, automotive repair, cosmetology, and more.
- **Shorter Duration:** Programs typically take less time to complete than a four-year degree.
- **Hands-on Experience:** Emphasis on practical skills and real-world experience.
- **Immediate Job Opportunities:** High demand for skilled tradespeople.

4 APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships combine on-the-job training with classroom instruction.

Industries: Common in construction, healthcare, IT, manufacturing, and more.

- **Earn While You Learn:** Apprentices are paid during their training.
- **Job Placement:** High likelihood of employment after completion.

5 MILITARY SERVICE

The U.S. military offers opportunities in various branches, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

- **Education Benefits:** Tuition assistance and the GI Bill.
- **Job Training:** Specialized training in various fields.
- **Travel:** Opportunities to see different parts of the world.
- **Discipline and Leadership:** Develops strong leadership and discipline skills.

FAFSA BASICS

Financial aid to pay for college is available from a variety of sources. Student aid includes grants, scholarships, work-study jobs, and loans. Make Sure You and your Parent create an FSA ID:

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