

Steps to College and Technical Careers: Prepare for Success

College

Scholarships are available, even if you're a C student.

Requires filling out a financial aid form (FAFSA).

You don't have to declare a major right away.

Most career positions require a college degree.

May require a student loan which must be repaid even if you do not finish school. Other forms of financial assistance is available.

Technical School

Financial assistance may be available.

Requires filling out a financial aid form (FAFSA).

Offers hands-on training.

Trades can pay very well for highly skilled persons.

May require a student loan which must be repaid even if you do not finish school.

Proprietary Schools

Financial assistance may be offered by the school as a **loan**. Check the amount **before** you borrow.

They promise you a great career.

You could pay an amount similar to tuition at a community college and still not have a certificate or diploma.

Your certificate or "diploma" is not recognized by many schools or companies.

Loans must be repaid even if you do not finish school.

Community College

Financial assistance is available.

Requires filling out a financial aid form (FAFSA).

Some 4-year colleges will accept some of your credits when you transfer. Check with an academic advisor.

Several jobs require at least two years of college.

If you secure a student loan, it must be repaid even if you do not finish school.