

Why Apply for College or Training?

Information for Students & Families

Want More Money and More Options? Get More Education Beyond High School.

Even in uncertain times, you can [secure a better future](#). A college degree, certificate, or other training beyond high school can lead to a good job, higher wages, and more. And [financial aid](#) helps make college or training affordable.

Why apply for college or training? Adults with a college degree or certificate:

- Are more likely to enjoy their work.
- Can change careers more easily.
- Are less likely to be unemployed.
- Live longer, healthier lives.
- Earn around \$1 million more over their career than high school graduates.

Need to start working sooner than later? Move beyond minimum wage with an apprenticeship or other job training. Even a one-year program at a community college or technical college can increase your future earnings. And in an apprenticeship, you earn while you learn. In many cases, apprentices can get paid to work and [use financial aid](#) to cover out-of-pocket costs like tuition, fees, and materials.

Put your passion to work. More education means more job stability and higher earnings. For life.

Learn more and [plan your future](#) on the Washington Student Achievement Council website.
