

POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS: SKILLED TRADES OR COLLEGE?



YOU RECENTLY GRADUATED
HIGH SCHOOL WHAT'S NEXT?

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










SKILLED TRADES: Apprenticeship Program

For those who aren't sure
about the traditional
college route.

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COLLEGE: Traditional Education

The traditional
four-year college or
university route.

TIME	 <p>2- or 4-Year Programs</p> <p>AFTER 4 YEARS Apprentices are eligible to become a LICENSED JOURNEYMAN.</p>	 <p>4 YEAR COMMITMENT</p> <p>ACTIVE LEARNING Apprentices learn their trade working on jobsites along with classroom, lab and shop courses.</p>	 <p>2- or 4-Year Programs</p> <p>After 2 years, students earn an Associates Degree; after 4 years, a Bachelor's Degree.</p>
MONEY	 <p>Earn GOOD MONEY While You Learn</p> <p>Apprentices are full-time employees with full benefits. Some programs offer entry wages up to \$16/hour.</p>	 <p>EARNING GOOD MONEY IN YOUR CAREERPATH</p> <p>COMPETITIVE PAY With no initial experience, Apprentices receive good entry-level salaries.</p>	 <p>Earn Minimum Wage</p> <p>While in school, students make minimum wages working part-time jobs.</p>
CAREER	 <p>Work on Real Projects</p> <p>You spend 4 years working on real projects and gain valuable job experience.</p>	 <p>JOB EXPERIENCE IN YOUR FIELD</p> <p>Apprenticeship graduates are 4 years into their career with desirable skills.</p>	 <p>No Real-World Experience</p> <p>You work odd jobs to pay your bills. You do not gain work experience towards your career.</p>
DEBT	 <p>Pass the Program and You Have NO DEBT</p> <p>Apprentices pay a weekly payroll deduction, but if you complete the program with good grades and attendance, you are reimbursed 100%.</p>	 <p>FINISH THE FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM DEBT-FREE</p>	 <p>Student Loan Bills Keep Coming</p> <p>After graduation, student loan bills pile up, but your entry-level position barely makes enough for you to live and pay your loans.</p>