



# BENEFITS OF GOING TO COLLEGE

*There are many reasons to go to college. Here are a few to start thinking about!*

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Which benefits are the most important to you and why?

- ✦ **College graduates have better career options, greater chance of landing a job, and better chance of progress in their career.**
  - According to an estimate, in 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them.  
(Source: KnowHow2Go)
  - The more education you have, the more likely it is that you will have a job. College gives you more choices in careers and more flexibility to change jobs.
- ✦ **College graduates have a higher yearly income and greater lifetime earnings.**
  - In 2005, the average income for a Bachelor's Degree holder was \$54,689 versus an income of \$19,915 for a high school graduate.
  - A Bachelor's Degree holder earns twice as much in a lifetime as a high school graduate.  
(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)
- ✦ **College gives you a chance to network, improve your social skills, expand your extra-curricular activities, and a build a network of friends.**
  - College offers an opportunity to meet new people, improve communication skills and become more self-disciplined.
- ✦ **College helps you improve your decision-making, communication, and analytical skills.**
  - Businesses want to hire people who know how to think critically and solve problems.
- ✦ **College graduates have better health and standard of living.**
  - Statistics show that college grads have better health and exercise more. Employers often offer health care plans and wellness programs. Grads tend to have more job satisfaction and time off for recreation.  
(Source: College Board, *Education Pays: The Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society*)