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Where do you want to be Next Year?

Fill in the blanks below to make your path to reach your goals. You've only got one more year in high school. Make it count!



SEPTEMBER

Your Goal for next year at this time: I will be at _____
doing _____
Living _____

OCTOBER

What can you do this month to work towards next year's goals? _____

NOVEMBER

Do you need to fill out applications or visit schools, employers, etc. this month? _____

DECEMBER

Do you need to register for certain classes next semester to reach your goal? _____ If so, which ones? _____

JANUARY

Do you need to submit forms, resumes, or write essays? _____ If so when are they due? _____

FEBRUARY

Do you need to re-search financial aid options to reach your goals? _____ If so when will you have them ready? _____

MARCH

Do you need to meet with your guidance counselor and/or parents to discuss your progress towards your goals? _____

APRIL

What should you be doing now to get closer to your goal? _____

MAY

What else do you need to reach your goal in the next 3 months? _____

JUNE

How should you be preparing for your goal at this time? _____

JULY

What are the final steps to reaching your goal? _____

AUGUST

Are you ready to accomplish your goal? _____ If not, what else needs to happen? _____

OPT IN

Match up the different career preparation tracks below with their titles on the left by placing the correct # next to each group of options.

Liberal Arts Colleges
Specialized Colleges
Universities

Technical Institutes
Business Schools
Trade Schools

Junior Colleges
Community Colleges

Alternative High Schools
Vocational Ed Programs
Vo-Tech High Schools
Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education
Community Colleges
Private Jr. Colleges
4 Year Colleges

Technical Institutes
Proprietary Trade Schools

On the Job Training
Education Programs

Apprenticeships
Federal Civil Service
Military Service

Which 3 options seem the best for you?

1. Four Year Colleges



2. Noncollegiate Options

3. College Vocational Education Options



4. Noncollegiate Schools



5. High School Vo-Ed Options

6. Employer Training and Education



7. Two Year Colleges



8. Other Options



Source: Otto, Luther B. (1996). Helping your child choose a career: A book for parents, teachers, counselors, and (even) students. JiST Works: Indianapolis, IN.

CAREER PLANNING

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What do you want to be doing?

- Going back to High School
- Getting my GED
- Working at a job part time
- Working full time
- Attending Community College
- Attending a 4 year College
- Attending a trade school
- Apprenticeship Program
- Training for a job
- Sitting at home

Where do you want to be living?

- At my parent's home
- With a friend
- In my own apartment
- In a dorm at college
- Out of state
- In my town
- Somewhere in my state
- With a relative

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How will you support yourself?

- My parents will pay for what I need.
- Have a part time job.
- Have a full time job.
- Ask for a loan from a friend.
- Other relatives will pay for what I need.
- My friend will give me money.
- Financial Aid Loans & Grants
- Federal Work Study Programs
- Apprenticeship Programs
- Inheritance
- I don't know.

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5 Years from now I want to be:

- 1 A college graduate
- Working part time being _____
- Working full time with benefits.
- Living at home with my parents.
- Unemployed
- Depending on someone else
- Applying for graduate school
- Have an associate degree
- Married
- Living with roommates
- A skilled worker
- A professional

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Answer:

1. What can you do now to reach your educational goals? _____
2. What can you do now to reach your career goals? _____
3. What can you do now to become financially secure in 5 years? _____
4. What can you do now to become independent in 5 years? _____



The Application Situation:

Applying for a job? Take this quiz to learn what to do and what to ask.

- ___ 1. How many copies of the job application or form should you get?
 - A. One, you never mess up.
 - B. Two, one for your rough draft and one for the final.
 - C. It really doesn't matter.

- ___ 2. Before you fill out the application you should:
 - A. Read the entire form before you start to complete it.
 - B. Fill it out as you read it.
 - C. Ask the employer what he or she thinks you should do.

- ___ 3. When you fill out your application to submit to the employer you should:
 - A. Print or type the application in black ink.
 - B. Write in pencil in case you need to erase.
 - C. Use multi colored gel pens to reflect your fun personality.

- ___ 4. If a part of the application does not apply to you, you should:
 - A. Leave it blank
 - B. Make up an answer.
 - C. Write (N/A) which stands for not applicable.

- ___ 5. Before you list people as references you should
 - A. Double check their contact information (address, phone number, work number)
 - B. Ask permission from each person to use them as a reference.
 - C. Explain to each person you are using as a reference what jobs you are applying for.
 - D. All of the Above.

- ___ 6. On every job application you should:
 - A. Sign and date it.
 - B. Doodle on it.
 - C. Fold it up before submitting it.

- ___ 7. When you go to get an application you should always:
 - A. Bring along your parents
 - B. Bring along your friends
 - C. Bring along a current resume and references in case you need to fill out the application on the spot.

- ___ 8. The best way to present a job application is to:
 - A. Hand deliver it to the employer
 - B. Fill it out at home and mail it in with a resume and cover letter that points out your strengths.
 - C. Give it to a friend to drop off for you.

