

choices of the high school graduate

Employment

- part time
- full time
- seasonal, temporary
- live at home, move out, move away and find a job
- internship
- apprenticeship
- job shadow or volunteer on a job to explore its appeal
- work for yourself
- work for an employer
- on-the-job training to learn a skill
- work for the federal government in a branch of the armed forces
- travel and work for your expense money as you go

Education

- part time
- full time
- in state
- in the USA
- overseas
- fifth-year high school or post-graduate (PG) year to boost college prep skills
- regional technical center
- trade or technical school with a career preparation program up to one year or longer
- community college
- two-year college
- four-year college
- progressive college education (for example, Work Colleges Consortium)
- cooperative education program in college
- college in a consortium that allows cross-registration at nearby colleges
- study-abroad experience (for a month, a summer, a semester, or a year) through the college or through reputable independent organization

Gap Year

- prepare yourself for college the year after high school graduation
- stay home and work locally
- volunteer locally on a part-time or full-time basis
- go away to volunteer on a project that provides room and board, in the USA or abroad
- travel to visit relatives and friends and chill out a while, then make a plan
- create your own plan for personal growth and development



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