

Imagine Your Future

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Imagine your future with a career that you enjoy and a salary that allows you to live the way you want. DelawareGoesToCollege.org offers you resources to guide you as you prepare for a rewarding career.

- Overview of possible career and educational paths
- Timeline for navigating through your senior year
- Information on programs that help pay for your education
- Listings of more than 250 scholarships available to Delaware students

2-Year College

Agribusiness Mgmt.
Construction Mgmt.
Culinary Arts
Dental Hygienist
Information Security
Hospitality Mgmt.
Medical Lab Tech
Registered Nurse
Web Developer

Military

Air Force
Army
Coast Guard
Marines
National Guard
Navy Reserves

License or Certification

Computer Networking
Culinary
EMT
Machinist
Manufacturing
Nursing Assistant
Pharmacy Tech

Apprenticeship

Auto Technician
Carpenter
Electrician
Heating & Air Conditioning
Plumber
Welder

4-Year College

Business
Computer Science
Education
Engineering
Finance
Health Care
Government

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Choose the program that's right for you.

Many paths can take you to your chosen career, and educational costs can vary widely. Here's a sample of paths – find your own path by identifying your skills and interests, and start exploring.

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Find out how to pay for your education after high school.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Look into SEED and Inspire to attend Delaware Tech, University of Delaware and Delaware State University
- Learn about the Academic Common Market to pay in-state tuition at out-of-state colleges

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Apply for scholarships — often and many!

- Create a Delaware Higher Education Office Student Account and apply for State of Delaware scholarships
- Identify and apply for national scholarships
- Ask your counselor about school-specific and local scholarships — they all add up
- Pay attention to deadlines

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Find additional resources and support.

- Meet with your school counselor.
- Talk with teachers, parents, coaches, and other adults about their career paths.
- Look for info on applying to and paying for college at:

DelawareGoesToCollege.org
Bigfuture.CollegeBoard.org
CollegeScorecard.ed.gov



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Think about what career you'd like to have when you are 25. What steps do you need to take now to get there?

Learn more about your dream career.

Many paths can take you to your chosen career, and educational costs can vary widely. Identify your skills and interests, and start exploring. Consider these questions:

1. How much will you earn in your career?
2. What qualification or education are needed for your chosen career, including hands-on-training?
3. How much will you need to pay out-of-pocket for that education? Financial aid and scholarships can help cover costs and do not need to be repaid. However, if you take out loans, know how much you will have to pay back, and when payments start.

Once you decide, start applying. Watch your deadlines for admission and financial aid. Don't forget to check your email often for important information from school, scholarship and financial aid administrators. Use a personal email address, not your school email, which expires after you graduate.

Trade Apprenticeship Industry Certification

Start the process early:

- Visit programs and attend open houses
- Explore apprenticeship opportunities with local employers
- Be sure to understand what it will cost you
- Find the job placement rate
- Apply for the program of your choice
- Visit delawaregoestocollege.org/registered-apprenticeship

Military

Look into the different options for a military path:

- Service academies
- ROTC programs
- Enlistment in active or reserve duty

You will need to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. Your scores are used to determine if you are qualified to enlist in the military and to assign you to an appropriate job in the military.

4-Year and 2-Year College

Learn what degree is needed for your chosen career:

- Attend college fairs and visit colleges on campus or online (check what majors are offered)
- Create a college list – consider your best fit
- Apply to 4 or more schools
- Do your FAFSA (FAFSA.gov)
- Apply for scholarships
- Check your email often
- Review/compare financial aid awards
- Accept an admissions offer
- Return forms/info to college over the summer



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Still not sure about
your next steps?

Make an appointment to see
your school counselor.

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