



“I’m the first one to finish high school in my family and going for that college degree would mean a lot to me too, because I want to show my siblings that getting college degrees is important. I have four siblings, and I want all of them to go to college.”

—Van, Lake Highlands High School

What Is Your Plan for Life After High School?

As you are nearing the end of your high school education, it is important to think about what comes next: finding a career that pays a living wage. Currently, 65% of living-wage jobs require an education beyond high school. While there are many ways to get the education necessary to secure a living wage job, the data is clear: the more education you have, the higher your earning potential.

\$31,944

per year

or \$15 per hour

High School Diploma

\$37,828

per year

or \$18 per hour

Associate Degree

\$54,716

per year

or \$26 per hour

Bachelor's Degree

\$63,320+

per year

or \$30+ per hour

Advanced Degree

Earnings of employed Texans, ages 25 to 30, based on the highest level of educational attainment. Data provided by Texas Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR): <https://www.texaseducationinfo.org/>.

It's Not Too Late to Explore Your Options!

If you do not have a plan yet, that is okay! There are many free resources available for you to explore career paths that align with your interests. From there, you can develop a plan that is best for you.



Texas Reality Check

Learn what careers will provide you the salary you need to live the life you've always wanted



Get Schooled

Consider all of the options available after high school and decide what is right for you



CollegeWorks

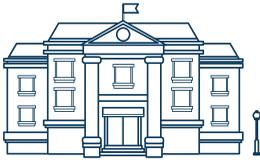
Research your career interests and find a college or university with your desired major



Big Future

Compare colleges and universities to find the best fit for you based on the plan you've outlined





Applying to College? Here Are Some Key Steps

EXPLORE

Get started early! Use the tools available to you to think about what you want to study and where.

ADMISSION

Apply for admission to colleges and universities using the appropriate platform (ApplyTexas, Common App, QuestBridge, etc.). Submit applications early and keep track of each deadline!

FINANCIAL AID

Submit the correct financial aid application (FAFSA, TASFA, CSS PROFILE, etc.) to qualify for assistance. If selected, complete the financial aid verification process as soon as possible.

What Are the Benefits of a College Education?

- Pursue academic subjects further and discover new fields
- Career preparation
- Flexibility to switch between careers in the future
- Networking opportunities
- Higher earning potential
- Explore life outside the classroom
- Build on existing knowledge and skills in preparation for the workforce

What Are the Benefits of Dallas County Promise?

Did you know that Dallas County Promise offers more than an opportunity to earn a last-dollar tuition scholarship? By submitting your Promise Path form, you unlock several benefits, including:



Support via text and email throughout your senior year



Transfer, mentorship, and workforce opportunities



Access to virtual support sessions during the school year



Dedicated student supports at select college and university partners



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www.dallascountypromise.org

Interested in the Dallas County Promise Scholarship?

Graduating seniors from participating high school campuses are eligible to apply for a last-dollar, full-tuition scholarship at participating college and university partners by completing the steps below. To see deadlines and requirements by partner, visit www.dallascountypromise.org.



1 Submit your **Promise Path**



2 Apply for **admission** to the Promise partner college or university of your choice and submit your **financial aid** application: FAFSA or TASFA



3 **Register** for fall semester courses