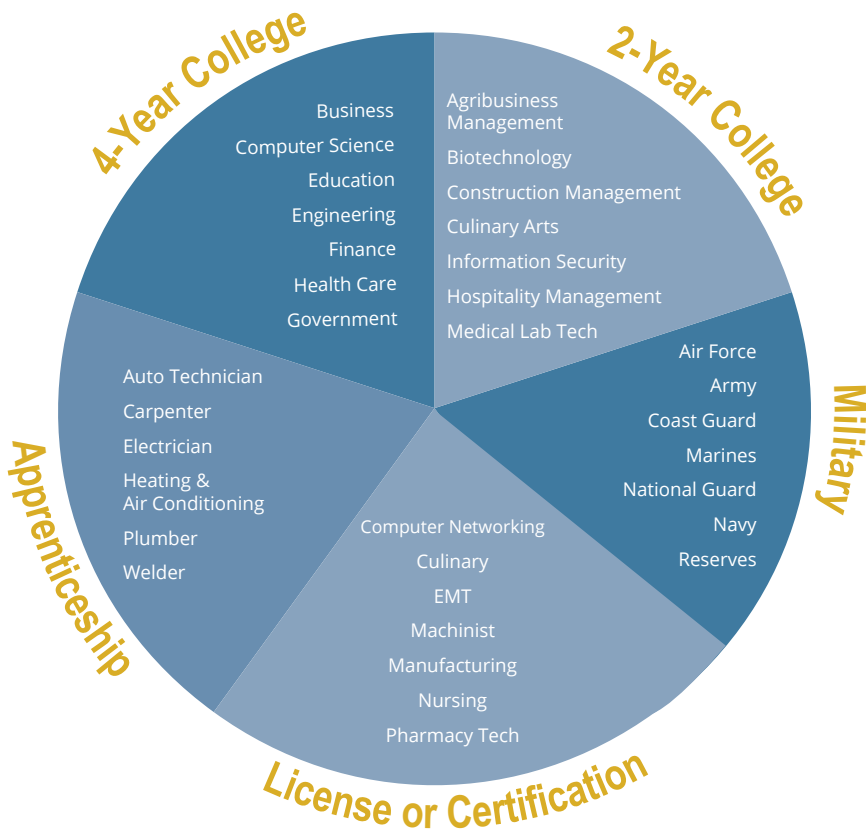


# IMAGINE YOUR FUTURE...

...with a career that you enjoy and a salary that allows you to live the way you want.

## Choose the program that's right for you!



## How do I pay for it?

### Check out these resources:

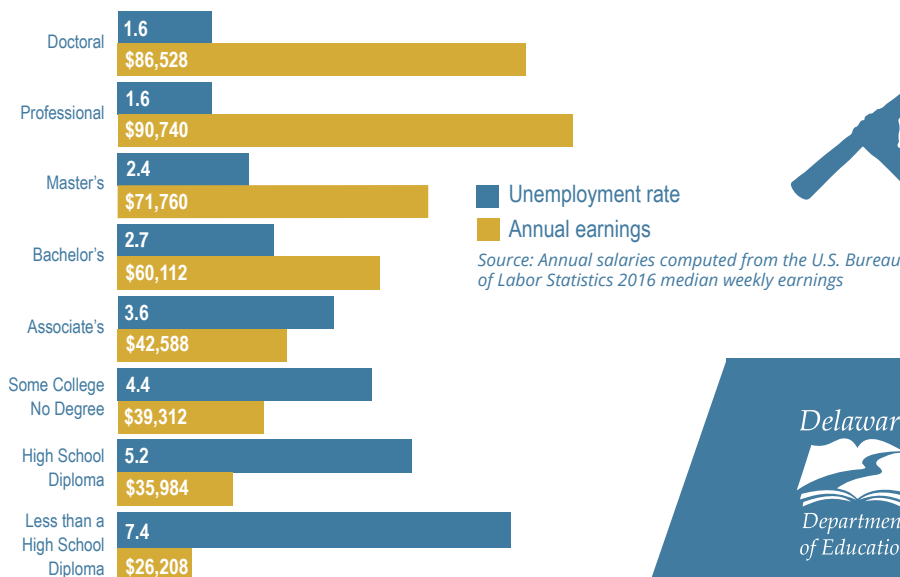
- SEED and INSPIRE scholarships
- State of Delaware scholarships
- National and school-specific scholarships
- FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Academic Common Market
- Delaware Scholarship Compendium, [Scholarships.DelawareGoesToCollege.org](http://Scholarships.DelawareGoesToCollege.org)



## How do I learn more?

- Talk with your school counselor.
- Talk with teachers, parents, coaches, and other adults about their career paths.
- Visit [DelawareGoesToCollege.org](http://DelawareGoesToCollege.org), [Bigfuture.CollegeBoard.org](http://Bigfuture.CollegeBoard.org) and [CollegeScorecard.ed.gov](http://CollegeScorecard.ed.gov) for info on selecting, applying to, paying for college, and more.
- Look into apprenticeships. Visit [MyNextMove.org/profile/ext/oa](http://MyNextMove.org/profile/ext/oa)

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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 qualifications or education is needed for your chosen career, including hands-on-training?
3. How much will you need to pay out of your own 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 the 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

### 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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