

WHAT CAN A COLLEGE EDUCATION DO FOR ME?

Pay based on level of education:

Level of Education Completed	Median Annual Earnings (U.S. Dollars)
Less than a high school diploma	\$23,608
High school graduate, no college	\$32,552
Some college, no degree	\$36,348
Associate degree	\$39,572
Bachelor's degree	\$53,300
Master's degree	\$65,364
Doctoral degree	\$79,664
Professional degree	\$79,508

How college pays off:

Though money isn't the only reason to consider a particular career, remember that a job that pays well offers more personal choices.

Here are a few real-life examples:

Buying Groceries

-Terry is a dental assistant (two years of college). Terry generally will earn enough money to buy groceries for a week after working only one day.

-Sam is a high school graduate and works as a salesperson in a department store. To buy the same groceries, it generally takes Sam three days pay.

Buying a TV

-Jamie is a college graduate and works as an accountant. Based on his salary, Jamie could buy a large screen TV using less than two weeks pay.

-Chris never went to college and works as a waiter. Based on his salary, Chris will have to work five weeks to buy the same TV.