

THE POWER OF EDUCATION



College is Possible

Staying in school and getting a college education is not only the smartest financial decision you'll ever make, it's one of the smartest life decisions you'll ever make. It can transform your future and can give you personal choices you wouldn't otherwise have. Going to college is a no-brainer. It may take some hard work and creativity to get there, but college is possible, regardless of your financial status, ethnicity, or any other physical or socio-economic challenges. Look into financial aid options—there are so many of them! Two-year or community colleges can be an excellent and affordable beginning to a college degree. Don't count yourself out. Yes, college costs money. Yes, it requires some scholastic achievement. But it's not as difficult as it sounds, and you can make it happen.

Median Income Based on Education Level

The following information was taken from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics 2005. It shows the earnings for workers 25 and older, by educational attainment; earnings for full-time wage and salary workers.

Less than high school	\$21,268
High school graduate	\$30,316
Some college but no degree	\$33,956
Associate's degree	\$36,348
Bachelor's degree	\$48,724
Master's degree	\$58,708
Doctoral degree	\$71,240
Professional degree	\$73,892