

## Different Paths After High School

We interviewed people that went on different paths after High School. The four paths we focused on are University, Community College, entering the Workforce, and taking a gap year to study abroad.



<p><b>How to pay for it</b></p>	<p>- Financial aid helps pay for most of your classes. If you reach a certain amount of credits, financial aid will stop paying for your classes and you'd have to pay out of pocket or do payment plans.</p>	<p>- Global Citizen Year supports students through need based financial aid and she received a fully funded scholarship.</p>	<p>- The best way to pay for a university is through scholarships, financial aid, loans, and jobs.</p>	<p>- Going into the workforce means you make money and you don't really need to pay for anything.</p>
<p><b>Process to getting there</b></p>	<p>- Apply for free online. Then, you will have to take a placement test to see which classes you would be placed in. You will have to pass Math, reading, and writing with certain amount grade.</p>	<p>- Apply to a university and once you are accepted you request a one year deferral to take a gap year</p>	<p>- Apply to a university and wait to get accepted, once you get accepted finish the paperwork and then go to orientation. After that it should be straight forward.</p>	<p>- Apply online or at the place, wait for the place to reach out to you, after they've reached out to you they would ask you to go in for an interview</p>
<p><b>Obstacles</b></p>	<p>- Not knowing anyone around you - Being scared that you're wasting your time and credits on a major you might change your mind on.</p>	<p>- Self doubt and worrying that you're wasting your time or being behind - Missing home</p>	<p>- Professors aren't there to tell you what's due or when you have tests - Figuring out where everything is - Getting used to a whole different environment - Pay hundreds of dollars on websites to submit your homework</p>	<p>- Working at a new place can be nerve racking especially not knowing anyone. - Getting along with coworkers and the boss can also be hard</p>

<p><b>Advantages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easier and cheaper than a University</li> <li>- Can take as many classes as you like</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Taking a break from the classroom</li> <li>- Learn more about yourself and what you want to study</li> <li>- Exploring a country and a new culture</li> <li>- Looks good on your resume</li> <li>- Gain a new understanding of the world</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diversity of the school</li> <li>- Plenty of organizations and types of classes</li> <li>- Some professors are very nice and helpful sometimes</li> <li>- Being on your own, not having people always on your back about stuff</li> <li>- Experiencing a different environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working gives you a chance to meet new people</li> <li>- Don't have any homework</li> </ul>
<p><b>Disadvantages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can't get a bachelor's degree at a community</li> <li>- There aren't a lot of majors to enroll in</li> <li>- Professors don't really care if you pass or not</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Missing home, family, and friends</li> <li>- Language barrier equals hard to communicate</li> <li>- One year off could turn into more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The campus can be really big</li> <li>- Buildings are sometimes far from each other</li> <li>- Sometimes you have to pay for parking</li> <li>- Getting used to bigger classes with more students</li> <li>- Professors won't be as helpful as you need them to be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You may not get along with everyone you work with</li> <li>- Being a newbie makes it harder to get to know the people who have been working there longer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Amount of free time</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depends on how many days you go to school</li> <li>- If you work you might not have as much free time as you like</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tons of free time to explore, volunteer, and pursue hobbies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Your free time just depends on how many classes you take</li> <li>- Most of the time you'll have plenty of free time to do other activities you enjoy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All depends on what time your shift starts and ends.</li> </ul>