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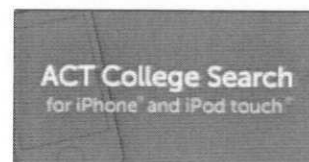
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Why Go to College?

Whether you are uncertain about going to college or you just need some reassurance you're on the right track, here are a few reasons to go to college:

- Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay.** Most college graduates earn more money during their working years than people who stop their education at high school earn.
- The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job.** According to one estimate, by the year 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for educated workers than there are qualified people to fill them.
- Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation.** Today most good jobs require more than a high school diploma. Businesses want to hire people who know how to think and solve problems.
- Education beyond high school gives you a lot of other benefits, including **meeting new people, taking part in new opportunities to explore your interests, and experiencing success.**



Average yearly income by educational attainment

Professional degree	\$119,009
Doctoral degree	\$92,863
Master's degree	\$67,898
Bachelor's degree	\$54,689
Associate's degree	\$37,990
Some college	\$31,421
High school graduate	\$29,448
High school dropout	\$19,915

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 data

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