

PATHWAY	WHAT	FIT	NEXT STEPS
APPRENTICESHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn while you learn • In demand careers (e.g., electrician, manufacturing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in the trades • Enjoy hands-on work • Balance of work and class • 14% < age 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA Labor and Industries Apprenticeship website http://www.lni.wa.gov • Contact trades directly • Check out the list of apprenticeships preparation programs at https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation until a spot opens up
CAREER TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized training, degrees, licensing, or certificates • Some employer-sponsored for seamless hiring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on specialized career training (e.g., Gene Juarez Academy, PIMA) • Costs vary but can be expensive • Limited "transfer" options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact program • Take a tour and meet with an advisor • Estimate costs with a Net Price Calculator • Ask about transfer credit and financial aid
MILITARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve full/part-time in the U.S. Armed Forces • Enlisted route vs. Officer route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and mental fitness • Understand risks and duties • Training, education, and benefits in exchange for service • Strong leadership for officer/college route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.military.com/ • EHS Military Lunch Visits • Academy Information Visits and ROTC Wolf Time • ASVAB (enlisted) • Research ROTC and Service Academy routes, including summer programs
GAP YEAR & SERVICE PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interim year between high school and higher education • Volunteer service, travel, cultural exchange, internships, and more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may need time to mature or identify plans before investing \$\$ in college • Structured plans important 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Programs (https://www.gapyearassociation.org/) • Assess benefits and costs • Americangapyear.org • Apply to college senior year. Ask for deferral if admitted
WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hourly jobs • Temporary plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student saving for post-high school education • Needs access to employer tuition assistance • Has basic employment skills • Plan for basic living expenses (live at home or away) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the plan with parents and counselor • Access career resources at Work Source • Job Corps • Find employers w/tuition assistance, e.g., Starbucks, UPS) • Visit Job Corps website at https://www.jobcorps.gov/
COMMUNITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate, <u>transfer</u>, and some bachelor's degrees • Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable • Transfer credit • Flexible schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.checkoutacollege.org • Research schools and careers at https://www.sbctc.edu/ • Apply (usually spring of senior year for fall admission)
4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bachelor, Master, PhD degrees and a variety of majors</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid academic foundation • Study skills • Time management • 4+ year commitment • Offer a wide variety of academic, social and financial fits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about college fit at https://ehs.lwsd.org/counseling/college-and-career-center/college-exploration • SAT/ACT • Apply (transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, essays, interviews, etc.) • Apply for Financial Aid the fall of your senior year