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Conversation Starters

The Options and How to Pay for Them – 11th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 11th grader about narrowing the list of career and college options and discussing college affordability if it is in your student's future.

- ▶ It is time to focus on what you will do as your next step after high school. This does not mean deciding what you will do for the rest of your life; you are only moving toward your first step.
- ▶ Attending a four-year college may not be the right choice for you like it may be for some of your friends. The key is to identify the path that best helps you be successful and land a good job.
- ▶ Other alternatives include certificate programs, apprenticeships and the military: options that may help you pay for more college later on.
- ▶ Let's work together by discussing all of the options with help from this resource so we can figure out your next step after graduation.



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