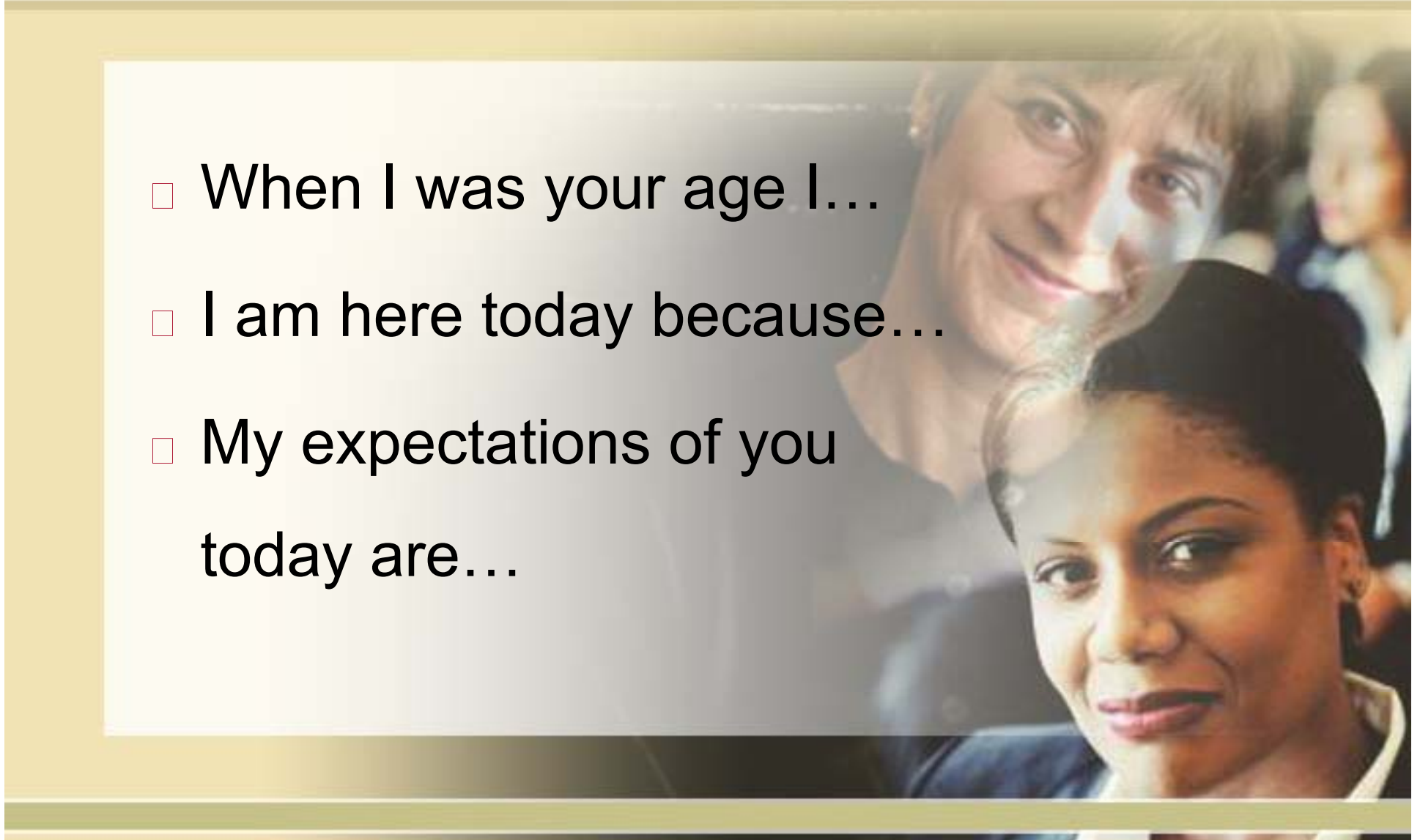


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*High School and  
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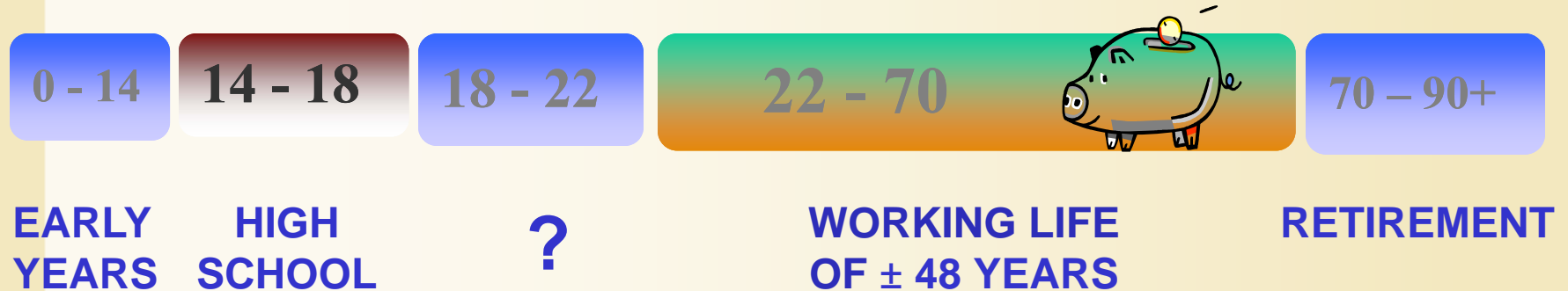
*Your Passport to Success*

# Hello...

- When I was your age I...
- I am here today because...
- My expectations of you today are...



# Are you preparing for life?



*Start preparing now. . .*

- Keep up to date in your current job/vocation
- Retrain for newly created jobs
- Have flexibility to switch careers

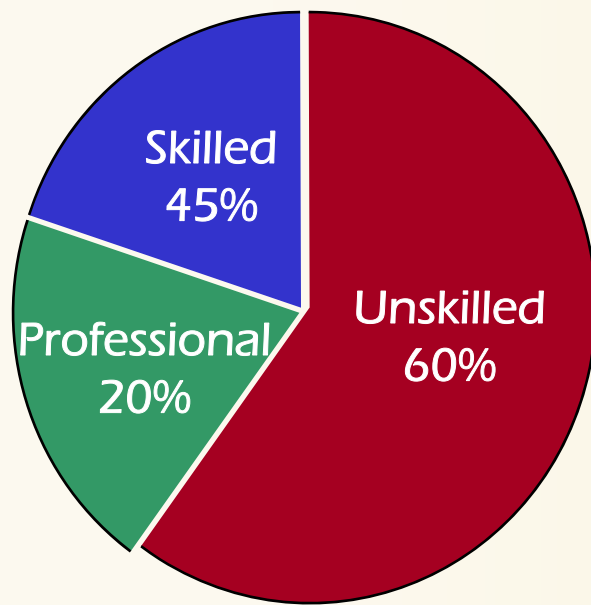
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Phasing Out Low-Skill Jobs

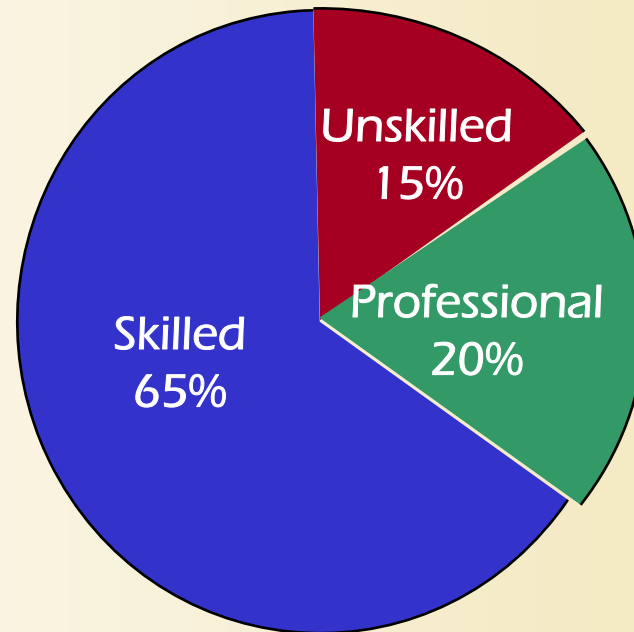


# Job Skill Level Changes

## Growing Need for Skilled Workers



**1950**



**Today**

**Unskilled:** requiring no high school diploma or a diploma with minimum skills  
**Skilled:** requiring 1 to 2 years of education after high school (certification or associate's degree)

# Minimum Wage vs. Skilled Job You Choose!

## Unskilled Labor

\$7.25

x 40 hrs/wk

\$290.00

x 52 wks/yr

**\$15,080**

## Skilled Labor

\$13.50

x 40 hrs/wk

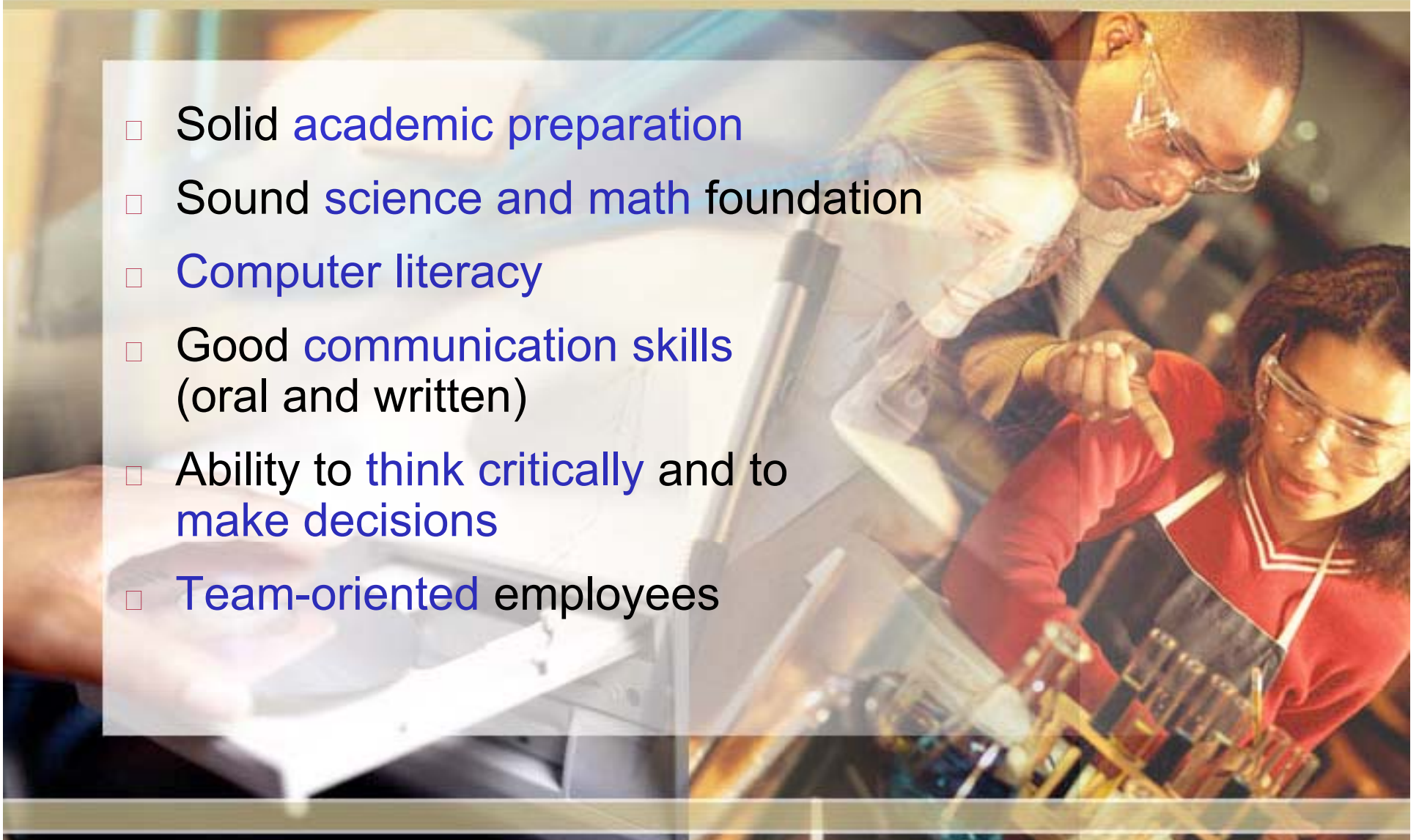
\$540.00

x 52 wks/yr

**\$28,080**

# What are employers looking for?

- ❑ Solid academic preparation
- ❑ Sound science and math foundation
- ❑ Computer literacy
- ❑ Good communication skills (oral and written)
- ❑ Ability to think critically and to make decisions
- ❑ Team-oriented employees



# How do you acquire the skills employers want?

- Align your educational program with your career interest
- Take courses for college credit while still in high school
- Build your interpersonal skills by being active in your school
  - Join clubs and organizations; take leadership roles
  - Become a student council representative
  - Join an athletics team
  - Take courses like band, choir, drama/theater arts, JROTC, or journalism



## Think about it...

- What do you want to do after high school?
- What if that does not work out?
- Do you have a plan B? Plan C?
- I am here to encourage you develop a plan, not to tell you what you should do with your life.

# *The Texas Scholars: High School and Beyond Program is all about options*

**High School**

**World of Work**



**Military Service**



**2-Year Program**  
Tech Prep Texas Scholars  
or other associate  
degree program



**4-Year College/  
University**



# Option 1: World of Work

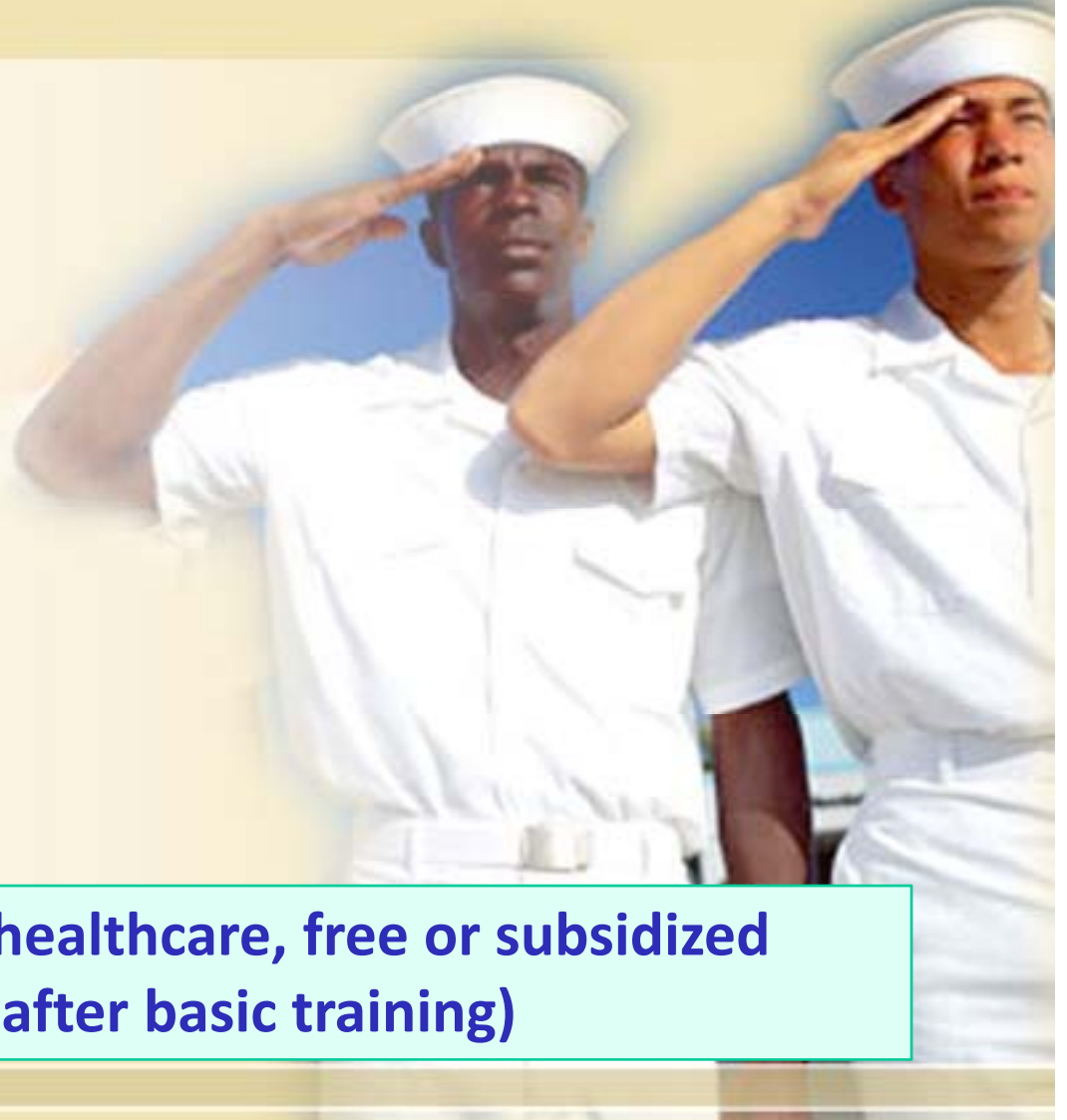
- Retail Sales
- Bill/Account Collector
- Social/Human Service Assistant
- Cashier
- General Office Clerk
- Some Construction Jobs
- Hospitality

**Starting salary:  
\$16,500 - \$25,500**



# Option 2: Military Service

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard
- National Guard
- Merchant Marine



**Starting salary: \$15,748 (+ healthcare, free or subsidized housing, food & education after basic training)**

# Option 2: Military Service— study/career possibilities

- Marine Science
- Liberal Arts
- Science
- Business
- Engineering
- Pilot Certification
- Information Technology
- Communication



# Option 3: 1 or 2-Year Program

- What are one and two-year programs?
  - Offered by community, junior and technical colleges
  - Provide certifications and licenses to students as they transition into the workforce
  - Provide associate's degree and transfer credit to students preparing for additional post-secondary education
  - Tech Prep Texas Scholars is an option for many of these programs
- What can I expect if I earn a two-year degree or certificate?



# Option 3: 2-Year Program

- ❑ Computer Support Specialist
- ❑ Medical Record and Health Information Technician
- ❑ Physical Therapist Assistant
- ❑ Dental Hygienist
- ❑ Legal Secretary
- ❑ CAD Drafter
- ❑ Licensed Vocational Nurse

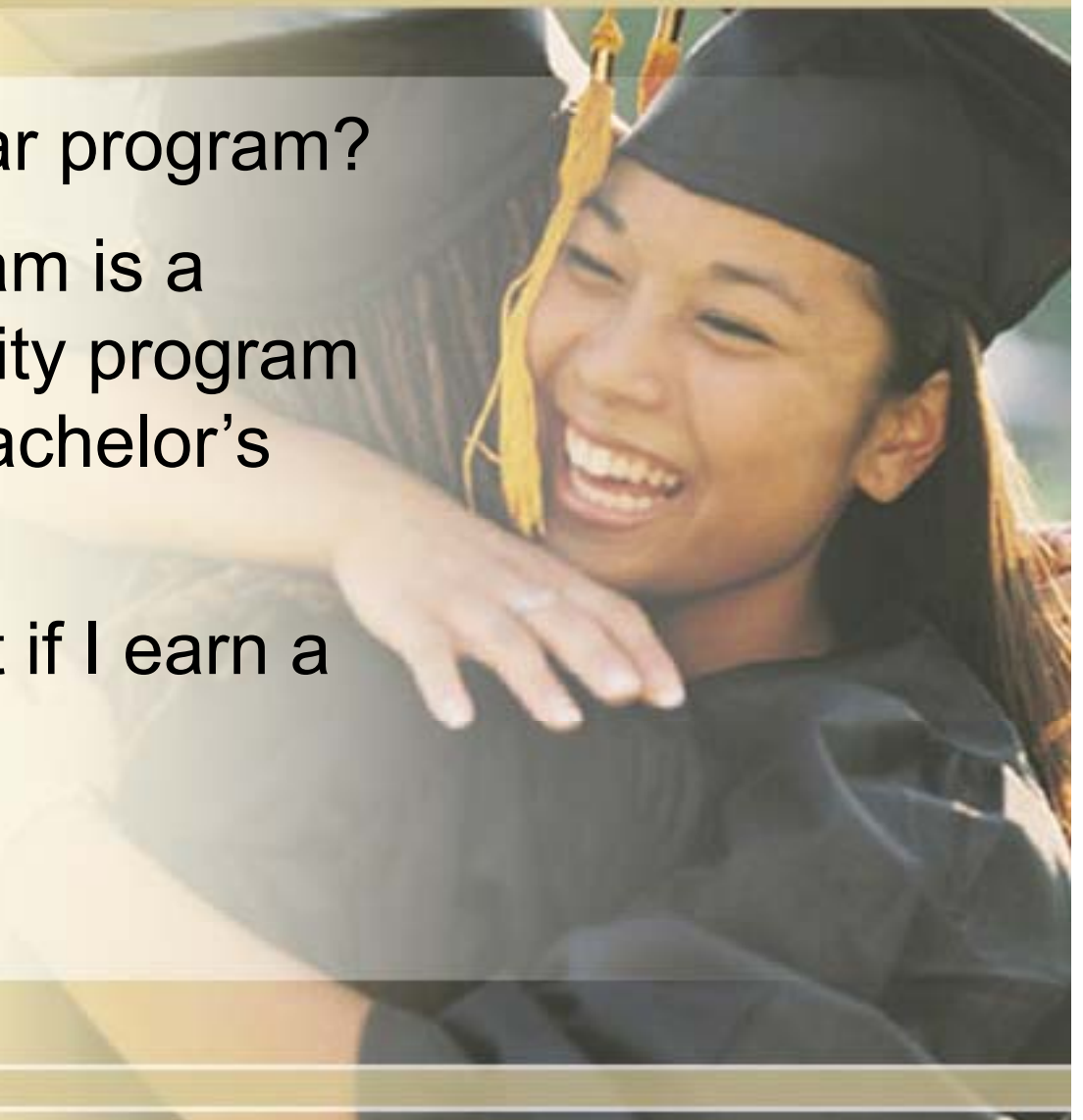
**Starting salary:**

**\$28,000 - \$47,700**



# Option 4: 4-Year University

- What is a four-year program?
- A four-year program is a college or university program that results in a bachelor's degree.
- What can I expect if I earn a four-year degree?

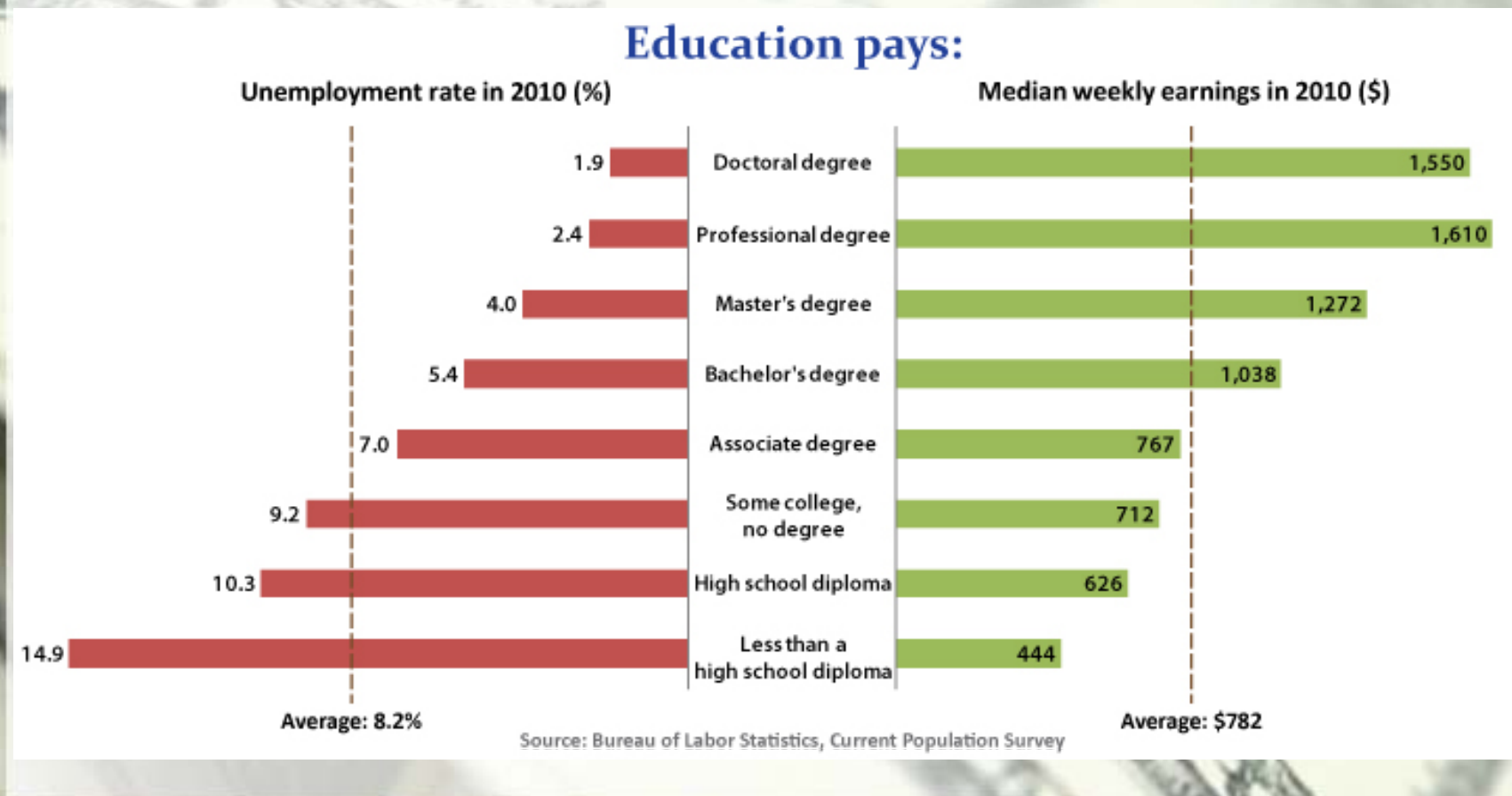


# Option 4: 4-Year University

- Computer Network Analyst
- Public School Teacher
- Engineer
- Financial Manager
- Public Relations Professional
- Accountant
- Registered Nurse

**\*In 2011 the average starting salary offer for new college graduates is \$50,034.**

# Summing It Up . . .



Note: Data are 2010 annual averages for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

# All 4-year degrees are not equal

<b>Major</b>	<b>2011 Starting Salary</b>
Business Administration	\$44,171
Chemical Engineering	\$64,641
Computer Science	\$63,402
Finance	\$50,535
General Studies	\$37,356
Hospitality Services Mgt	\$44,397
Mechanical Engineering	\$60,598
Petroleum Engineering	\$97,900
Psychology	\$35,000
Sociology	\$36,100
Visual & Performing Arts	\$29,759

Money isn't  
everything. . .

But think  
carefully about  
your interests  
and values . . .

Make the  
decision that's  
best for you.

# Jobs of the Future?



**Biotechnology  
& Life Sciences**

**Energy**

**Petroleum  
Refining &  
Chemical  
Products**

**Advanced  
Technologies &  
Manufacturing**

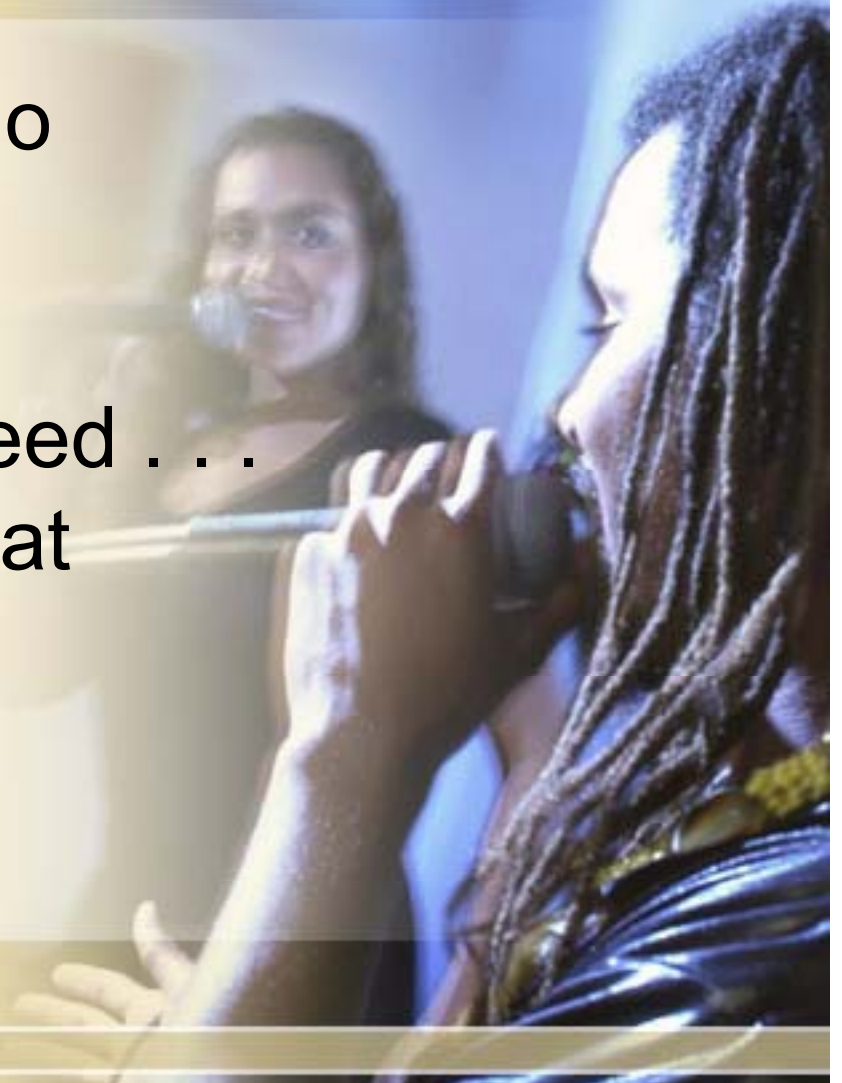
**Aerospace &  
Defense**

**Information &  
Computer  
Technology**

*In Texas these industry clusters have been identified as key to the state's future success . . . And they offer challenging, high-paying jobs.*

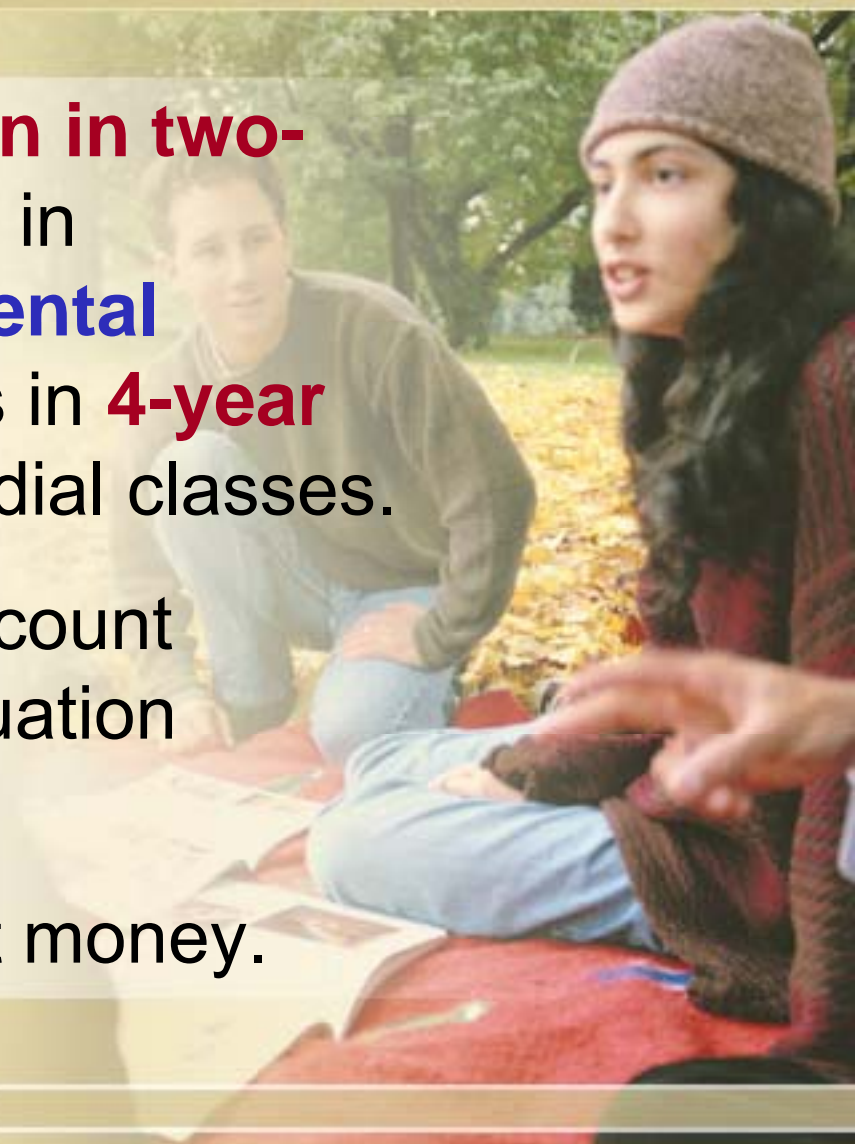
# So you want to be a star?

1.5 – 3% of students who dream of becoming a professional athlete or performer actually succeed . . . and many of those only at marginal levels

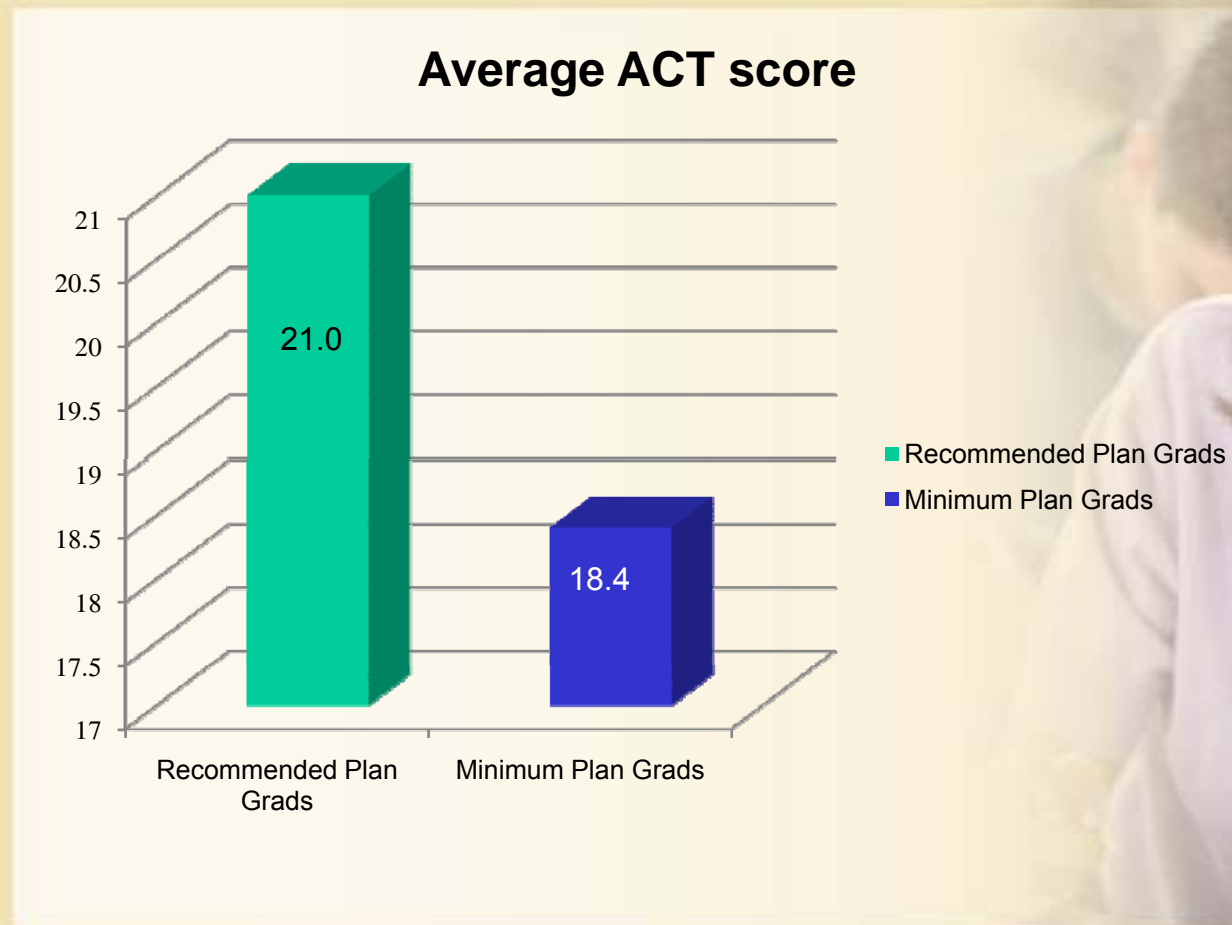


# College – Are You Ready?

- **At least 60% of freshmen in two-year colleges** are placed in **remedial and developmental classes**; **30%** of students in **4-year colleges** must take remedial classes.
- Remedial classes do not count toward your college graduation requirements.
- Remedial classes do cost money.



Because they took tougher courses,  
Texas RHSP and DAP graduates scored  
2.6 points higher on the 2011 ACT



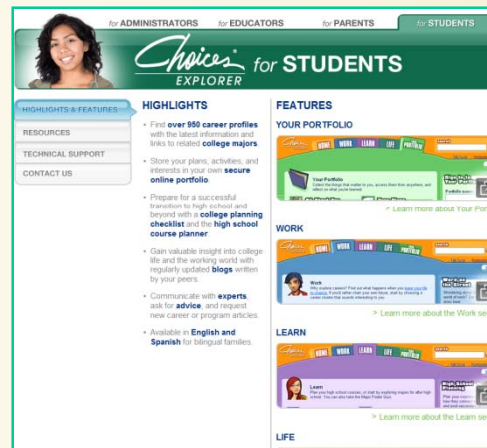
Source: ACT, 2011

# Career Planning Resources

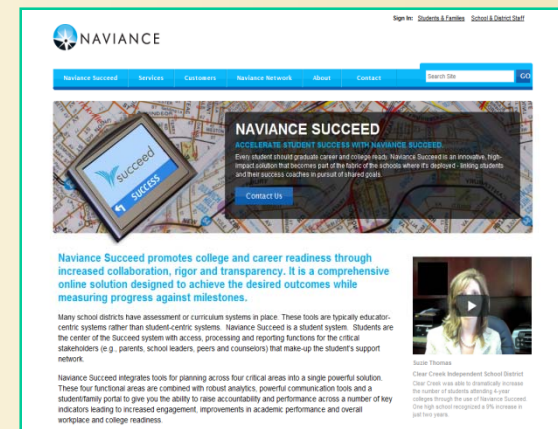
Many school districts provide one of these (or similar) online education and career planning sites to students:



Kuder Navigator for middle and high school students:  
[www.kuder.com](http://www.kuder.com)



Bridges' Choices Explorer:  
[www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com)



Naviance: each school has its own Web link.  
General info:  
[www.Naviance.com](http://www.Naviance.com)

# Free Career Planning Tools

Check out the following free web sites . . .



**Career OneStop**  
planning  
resource:  
[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)



**Ask Oscar**  
[www.ioscar.org/tx](http://www.ioscar.org/tx)



**Occupational  
Information  
Network:**  
[online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)

# Free Career Planning Tools



*Tech Prep*  
*Labor Market Report*  
[www.techpreprgv.com/lmi.html](http://www.techpreprgv.com/lmi.html)

## Reality Check

After High School you will need to pay for housing,  
transportation, clothes...

Find out how much money you will need and which  
career will pay for all your needs.

Enter Site

*Reality Check*

[www.cdr.state.tx.us/realitycheck/](http://www.cdr.state.tx.us/realitycheck/)

# Did You Know?

## COLLEGE FOR ALL TEXANS

Search

GET ALL THE FACTS

MAKE A PLAN

APPLY  
FOR COLLEGES AND  
FINANCIAL AID

HELPFUL INFO

MILITARY AND  
THEIR FAMILIES



### Good News



Here's everything you need to plan for college.

Congratulations. You've taken an important first step toward a college career in Texas. By visiting this website, you're just a few clicks from everything you need to select the Texas university, college, junior college or technical school that's best for you. And you'll find tools here that will help you plan everything in detail. You can even fill out an application for the college you choose and apply for financial aid. So relax, take a deep breath, and get started. Good luck!

### Alma, San Antonio

"I am a first-generation American. Both of my parents were born in Mexico and neither made it to college. Instead, they worked long hours in a factory. I decided this was not the life for me. Since elementary school, I knew I was going to college. I stuck by my decision and now am a Marketing Major with a minor in Political Science under the Pre-Law option. My family has been very supportive. They're proud of me, and can't wait for graduation day. The best thing about being in



#### College Locator

Find Texas colleges in your area.

SEE MAP



#### College Match-Up

Describe what you're looking for in a college, and get a list of matches.

CONNECT



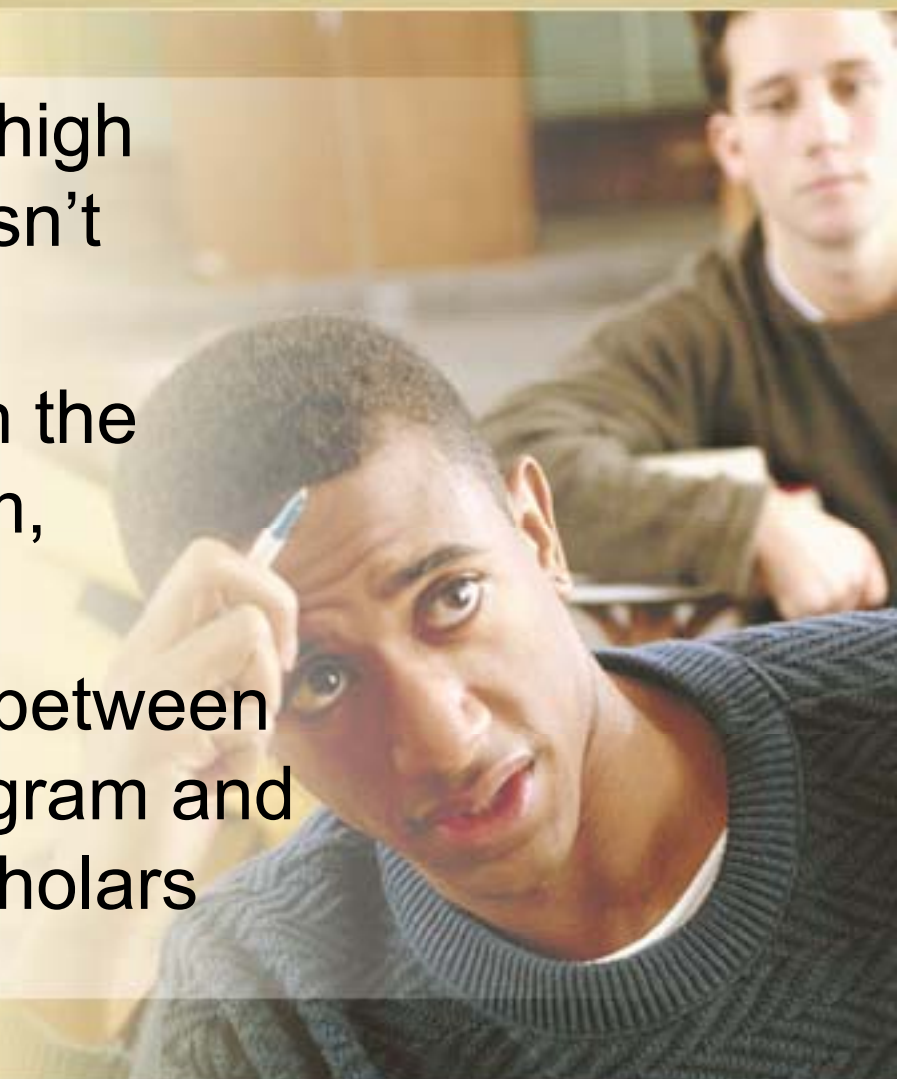
#### State's Net Price Calculator (NPC)

Learn your costs to attend Texas institutions.

CALCULATE

# Texas Scholars and Tech Prep Texas Scholars: *High School and Beyond*

- “I’m going to work after high school, so for me it doesn’t matter.”
- “O.K. So, if I graduate in the Texas Scholars Program, what do I get?”
- What’s the relationship between the Texas Scholars Program and the Tech Prep Texas Scholars Program?



# What can I do right now?

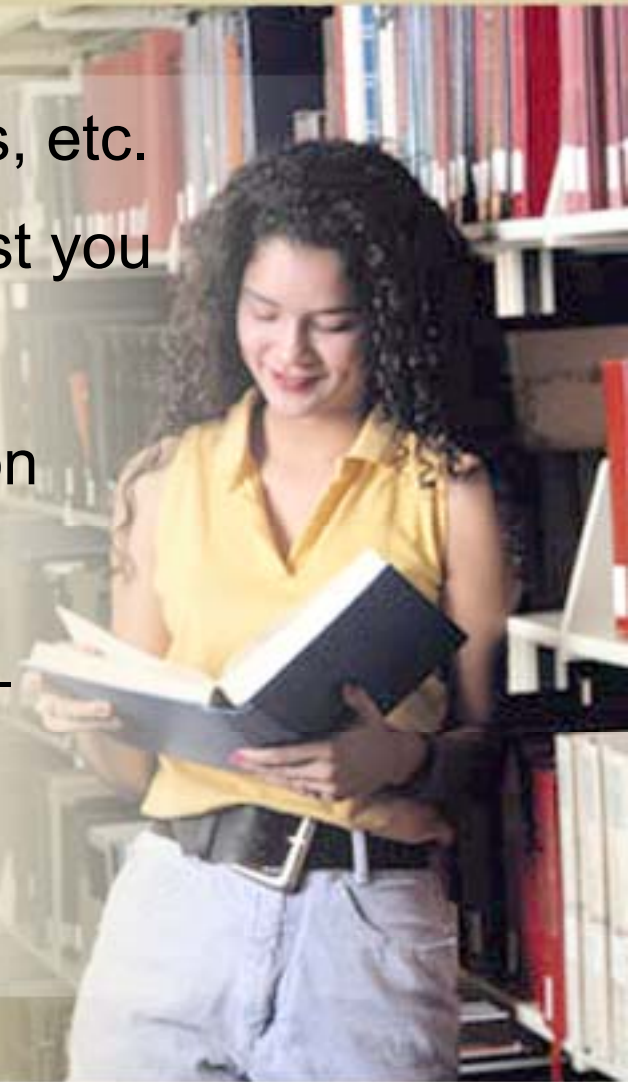
- Stay on the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Plan.
- Develop a personal plan . . . If you don't know where you are going, you won't get to where you want to be.
- Begin preparing to take the SAT and/or ACT tests for college admission.
- Take AP or IB courses
- For Tech Prep, become enrolled in one of the Tech Prep programs at your high school
- Take articulated credit, dual credit or concurrent enrollment courses while you are in high school .

.. *Get a head start on your future!*



# What else can I do?

- Participate in club, volunteer activities, etc.
- Learn more about careers that interest you
- Develop list of college interests
- Write or e-mail colleges for information
- Attend college night
- “Visit” as many colleges as possible –  
in person or on the Web



# How to graduate as a Texas Scholar or a Tech Prep Texas Scholar?

- Complete the RHSP or DAP
- Take at least 2 courses yielding college credit while in high school
- For Tech Prep, take 2 CTE courses for college credit (see [www.techpreprgv.com/students/texasscholars.com](http://www.techpreprgv.com/students/texasscholars.com))
- We **recommend** that you develop and follow a plan for high school and the initial years beyond.

# Become a Texas Scholar and/or a Tech Prep Texas Scholar!



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