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Who Is College Material?

In 2016, the Bureau Of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that about sixty-nine percent of high school graduates are enrolled in a college or university. Not everyone's plans are exactly the same because we see ourselves in a different place the near future. Some people might want to invest in college and others might want to enter the workforce; it really depends on the person. There are many factors that can influence a person's desire to even want to enroll at college. Regardless, anyone in this country should believe they are college material.

There are many unfilled positions in the workforce that require trained, educated workers. To reference the article, "Community Colleges Like Mine Are Proving Kellyanne Conway Wrong", fields of cyber security, and information technology require specialized skills in most of their employees. (Pollard 1) As a result, employers reach out, and not just to people that fit their specific requirements, but high school students. Employers offer the high school students internships and opportunities to join their company. While the offers can be enticing to the students, employers often have a kind of fine print or a requirement the student must meet.

Many occupations require some form of post-secondary education, usually either an associate's or bachelor's degree. It would behoove a student to continue further their education and receive a bachelors or masters to attract more employers, but if they just want to learn a trade then by all means go for it. College doesn't necessarily have to be a four year commitment.

While it depends on the student's preference, a two year community college might be a better option. Common reasons why a student might decide on a community college is because of its affordability and the option to transfer credits straight to any universities if students choose to.

There is a controversial topic involving the affordability of college and if it should be free. But as college isn't free to anyone wanting to enroll, there are still many options available. The most popular way people pay their tuition costs is through financial aid, filing for aid is easily accessible online and takes minutes to do. The amount of aid received is determined by the person's salary, cost of enrollment to the certain college and many other factors. Financial assistance from family, or individual loans are even more options available. There isn't one set way in paying for college so none is restricted to just one method.

With countless opportunities available in this country everyone should believe themselves to be college material. The number of in-demand jobs that are almost begging to hire skilled people is ridiculous. For a person to appeal to most businesses, some form of post-secondary education after high school would help the person tremendously. If that choice is a college education, then not even the cost of college tuition should get in the way of getting that job.

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