

Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Attend College or University

There has been a lot of talk lately about whether or not it is worth getting a four year college degree. While it can greatly increase your chances of landing a high paying job after graduation, that is not always the case. In fact, there are several six figure income jobs that don't require a degree and can still get you a big paycheck.

However, there are many important reasons a young person should consider going to college other than just the potential financial rewards.

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1. Start Fresh: Sometimes you just need a fresh start in life. You need to put away your old habits and your old self and become the person you were meant to be. It is especially the case for young people who are transitioning from childhood to adulthood. College is the perfect opportunity to break out of that old shell and become someone totally new.

2. Meet People: You will meet many new friends while at college. These people will shape your life tremendously and will help you grow as a person.

3. Learn Something: It is true that many degrees do not prepare you for the real world in terms of what you learn. However, a college education is an opportunity to learn what you love. Take the time to enjoy learning what you are truly passionate about.

4. Gain Financial Responsibility: For some people, this is not a want but a need. Parents do a lot for their children these days and many kids are not as mature upon high school graduation as they used to be. A lot of high school graduates have never worked, paid a bill, or learned anything about personal finance. Even as parents teach kids about money management, they can help their kids ease into real world responsibilities by having them spend time in college.

5. Achieve Independence: Along with gaining financial responsibility, there is the need for kids to mature in their decision-making. While parents may worry over their child's new-found freedom, teens are generally pretty excited about it. College can give a young person the independence they feel they need as well as the opportunity to start making their own decisions. That being said, parents should still be parents at this point and help their children transition into adulthood (especially if they are paying for their child's college education through something like a 529 college savings plan).

6. Get Involved: If you have an interest in politics, you can get involved in Student Government. If you want to be a journalist, here is the opportunity to get a head start by working on the school paper. Whatever you are interested in, there is a group for it. Not only is this a way for you to explore something you're passionate about, it's an opportunity to have your voice heard and to gain practical experience that you can put on your resume.

7. Get a Change of Scenery: For some people, the number one reason to go to college may simply be the opportunity to move to a new location. Many northerners may want to go to school in the south to escape the cold. Others may just want to get out of a small town and see the world. Even moving from a childhood home to a dorm on a local college campus can be a great change of scenery. No matter where you go, you are, in some way, leaving what you've always known. This can be the first step in discovering where you fit in the world.

8. Attend Football And Other Sporting Events: A great way to save money on season football tickets is to be a student. Most sporting events are free for students.

9. Figure Out Who You Are: Most students do not know what direction they want to go in life, or what their real passions were. It often takes leaving their family, their friends, their hometown, and their influences to begin to figure it out. It gives a great a starting point as you transition from everything you had once known.

10. Have Some Fun: College may end up being the best time of your life. While that is not always true, almost all students have a really great time.

Summary: Even if you are choosing community college or vocational school instead of a four-year college, many of these reasons still apply. Furthermore, the same reasons are relevant even if you are not a young adult but are simply young at heart and going back to school. The idea here is that college is more than just a way to get a high-paying job, it's a way to enjoy life and become the person you were meant to be.