
A Resource for Young People Exploring Peaceful Possibilities for Their Future: For Ohio
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**Making the Connection** is a resource for young people exploring peaceful possibilities for their futures. AFSC is a Quaker peace and justice organization. We believe that young people often join the military because they believe there are no other alternatives. We have created this guide to help young people see the full range of options available to them.

According to the National Priorities Project, Recruitment 2006, thirteen of the 100 counties that are most heavily recruited by the military are located in the Great Lakes Region, four of which are in Ohio: Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, and Montgomery Counties. This guide, while useful to youth throughout the state, is most useful to young people in those counties.

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Please consider adopting a school by making a donation that would allow the distribution of this booklet at a high school of your choice.

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SECTION ONE: GETTING STARTED

GETTING STARTED: WHAT’S NEXT?

You may almost be out of high school or preparing to make other life transitions. You’re not sure what’s next, but you know you’re in for some changes—a temporary job, a new school, even taking a year or two off from college or a career to explore.

Do you want to:

- Have an adventure?
- Go to college?
- Earn money for college?
- Serve your country or community?
- Try out a new career?

Making the Connection is designed to help high school students and other young adults begin to explore peaceful possibilities for their future. This guide will list lots of ways to get the advice, education, and experiences you need to find and keep rewarding, exciting, and well-paid jobs and careers. We hope this guide will help you begin to see the many choices around you; however, we strongly suggest that you also meet with a career counselor at your high school, college, or adult school or seek out career counseling at a local community organization for more information and to help plan next steps.

The Internet is a tool that will lead you to many, many opportunities. New choices come up everyday! The public library is a great place to start. Most branches offer free classes on how to use the Internet, as well as free Internet access. **NOTE:** Use your best judgment when using the Internet: be cautious when giving out personal information, even your email.

**Remember:** You do not need to decide right now what you want to do with your whole life, but the decisions you make now can help you prepare for a career that will bring you financial security and fulfillment.
PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

When you’re making changes—from high school or something else—not knowing can be the hardest part. It may help to:

➤ **Get Help:** Talking to career counselors or adults you trust can help you make good decisions.

➤ **Search the Internet:** The Internet is a great resource. Many libraries and community groups will let you use the Internet for free.

➤ **Take Small Steps:** When in doubt, make a smaller change instead of a huge leap.

➤ **Find What’s Exciting to You:** Reflect on what inspires you and what you feel passionate about. Then, find a job that allows you to live your passion every day.
PLANNING A CAREER:

TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF WHAT’S NEXT

Do you know now what career you want? If your answer is, “No,” you’re not alone. It may help to think about your interests, your skills, your education and training options, and your resources. Exploring all of your options is an important first step down any path. If you need help, you’ll find resources for learning about jobs and careers.

Several free tools are online or at most job counselors’ offices that can help you research careers and even learn about yourself and what kind of job you might enjoy. Please note, however, that while online tests can be interesting and helpful to get you thinking about all of your options, you are the ultimate expert on you.

IN-PERSON HELP

It’s best to talk with people who are “in the know.” In addition to talking with your school counselors, people at job fairs, ministers, parents or friends of parents, here are a few government resources and community centers that may be able to help you. Many of the community groups and job training sites found on page 24 can help.

Ohio Workforce 411: Your Integrated Workforce Solution:
http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/
The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
P.O. Box 1618 Columbus, OH 43216-1618 614/644-0677
A partnership between Ohio Workforce Informer, Ohio Job & Family Services, the State of Ohio, and SCOTI (see below), Workforce 411 has information to meet all of your career exploration, school search, and job-hunting needs! This site

It’s true most of the time that you can just change jobs or quit, but there is one major exception. If you decide to join the military, leaving can result in a dishonorable discharge, which could harm your future employment opportunities. Also, it is difficult to switch jobs in the military. So, if you train as a cook, don’t expect to switch to a computer tech later. And skills and certifications you learn in the military may have no civilian counterpart once you leave the military.
has information on: job fairs, workshops, veteran services, college and training programs, and special services for youth. The site also has career exploration material that will let you explore the wages, requirements, job descriptions, and even job prospects for many Ohio careers.

The following sites are part of Ohio Workforce 411!

- **Ohio Statewide Job Matching System**: Sharing Career Opportunities & Training Information (SCOTI Ohio) [https://ohiomeansjobs.com/omj](https://ohiomeansjobs.com/omj) 888/2WORK411
  After creating a free account you can search for a job, post your resume, and assess other great services for Job Seekers. Find schools, training programs, veteran services, apprenticeships and more.

- **Ohio Workforce Informer** [www.ohioworkforceinformer.org/](http://www.ohioworkforceinformer.org/) 614/752-9494
  A great site, maintained by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, allows you to visit the online career center to explore different career options, find training requirements, and even find job openings. There is also information on current labor conditions in Ohio.

- **Ohio Labor Market Info Classic** (LMI): [www.lmi.state.oh.us](http://www.lmi.state.oh.us)
  Bureau of Labor Market Information Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
  4020 East Fifth Avenue Columbus, OH 43219 614/752-9494
  Find career exploration material - including wages, job description and job prospects. Check out the Ohio Career Tabloid, which lets you explore careers (even watch videos about different jobs), link to colleges, career centers, and vocational schools, and even find financial aid.

Ohio also has a number of One Stop Centers that can assist you with a wide range of employment and training services (see sidebar). To find the One Stop Center closes to you, go to [http://www.servicelocator.org/](http://www.servicelocator.org/) or go to Ohio Workforce 411 at [http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/](http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/)

**BEWARE: RED TAPE ALERT**

Many of the following government programs offer good services, but accessing them can be challenging. **Be persistent** -- call ahead to make certain the office closest to Ohio One Stop Centers (a partial list)
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| Cuyahoga    | Cuyahoga Employment Connection - Downtown  
1020 Bolivar Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
216/664-4673  
Contact: Rachel Loewy | Cuyahoga Employment Connection - Brookpark  
11699 Brookpark Rd  
Parma, Ohio 44130  
216/898-1366  
Contact: Mike Longo | Fairfax Career Center  
8111 Quincy Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44104  
216-391-5847 | Mt. Pleasant Career Center  
13815 Kinsman Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44120  
216/561-5649 |
| Glenville   | Career Center  
12212 St. Clair Ave  
Cleveland Ohio 44108  
216/541-2267 | Mature Services  
333 Babbitt Road, Ste 343  
Euclid, Ohio 44123  
216/731-4664 | United Labor Agency  
3328 Carnegie Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
216/391-0900 |
| Old Brooklyn Career Center  
4261 Fulton Parkway  
Cleveland, Ohio 44144  
216/635-2942 | Westshore Career Center  
9830 Lorain Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102  
216/939-2599 | The Job Center  
1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.  
Dayton, Ohio 45422  
937/ 496-6720 |
| Virgil E. Brown Career Center  
1641 Payne Ave, 1st Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114  
216/987-7944 | Super Jobs Center  
1916 Central Pkwy  
Cincinnati, Ohio 513/731-9800. | Hamilton |
| Franklin    | Hamilton |
| Montgomery  | Montgomery |

- **Cincinnati State Community College-HC**
www.cincinnatistate.edu/
3520 Central Pkwy Cincinnati, Ohio 45223
513/569-1500  Contact: Toni Swanson
Cincinnati State is the 2nd largest site providing GED testing in Ohio. No fee for the test with proper documentation. English as a second language program available, adult reentry, college access programs, Gear Up, and many other programs. The counseling department at Cincinnati State offers services for career planning and counseling for current students. There are no restrictions or requirements to participate in this program. The GED program is free to all community members.

Columbus State Community College- FC
http://www.cscc.edu/
550 East Spring Street Columbus, Ohio 43215
800/621-6407 or 614/287-5353
Contact: Kelly Budros
Career exploration and counseling, Childcare assistance, Citizenship Education, Computer and keyboard training, Employment assistance, English Language Training, General Education Development, Literacy, Interviewing Skills, Bi-lingual Services available, Scholarship and Tuition assistance, Skills Training, GED Program.

Great Oaks Institute of Tech. and Career Development -HC
www.greatoaks.com
3254 East Kemper Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45241
(513) 771-8881
Contact: Donna Szabo Career Counselor (513)612-5790
Great Oaks, the largest career and technical education district in the United States, has been providing career development, workforce development and economic development services to individuals, business, industry, labor, communities and other organizations in southwest Ohio since 1970.

The Job Center-MC  www.thejobcenter.org
1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Dayton, Ohio 45422  
937/496-6720  
**Contact:** Ms. Barnes 937/496-7894  
The Job Center is the largest One Stop Employment Center in the United States.  
This public and private partnership is made up of 47 organizations housed in an 8 1/4 acre facility. Check out the Web site for more information regarding the services and events held at the center.

- **Job Leaders-FC**  
  [www.centralohioworkforce.org](http://www.centralohioworkforce.org)  
  111 East Broad Street  
  Columbus, Ohio 43206  
  614/573-4000  
  **Contacts:**  
  Vanessa Williams: Youth Services (614) 559-5068  
  Carinne Blackwell: Workforce Services (614) 559-5062  
  Job Leaders is a Full Service Comprehensive One Stop Location in Franklin County that offers, among other programs; career counseling, training, job search assistance and a variety of support services for job seekers. Youth Services section of the organization serves ages 14-21 with needs such as Leadership development, Occupational Skills Training, Paid and Unpaid Work Experience, Summer Internship Opportunities, Mentoring programs, Tutoring services, Parenting Classes and support.

- **Sinclair Community College-MC**  
  [www.sinclair.edu/stservices/careers/](http://www.sinclair.edu/stservices/careers/)  
  444 West Third Street  
  Dayton, Ohio 45402  
  937/512-2772  
  **Contact:** Connie Marshall  
The Career Services department at Sinclair offers aid to anyone in the community with Career Planning, Job and Career Research and Counseling, English as a Second Language, Project Read Tutoring program, GED Preparation classes, Resume Writing, and Inside Access to Job Opportunities in the surrounding community.  
These services are Free to all Montgomery County Residents.

- **Southwest Ohio Educational Opportunity Center- HC**  
  [www.clc.uc.edu/sweoc/](http://www.clc.uc.edu/sweoc/)  
  University of Cincinnati 1916 Central Parkway  
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45214  
  **Contact:** Beth Bomgartner 513/458-6581  
  Counselors provide resources and information on college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and career
planning. Guidance and Assistance in educational and career transitions provided.

- **Super Jobs Center-HC**  [www.superjobs.com](http://www.superjobs.com)
  1916 Central Parkway    Cincinnati, Ohio    45214
  513/731-9800

**Contacts:** Teri O’Brien (Director of the Youth Zone) and Irwin Macintosh (Lead Career Coach)

Organization provides supportive services for youth and adults seeking training, employment, and continuing education. SCOTI Database available for searching available positions in the area that are individually skills matched. Various classes on interviewing skills, GED preparation and testing, resume writing, communication and customer service skills classes, counseling on choosing a career, and SCOTI registration. Ages 14 – 21 served in the youth zone where personal counselors are available for one on one services. Adult orientations are scheduled throughout the week; WIA opportunities are available to fund continuing education and skills training.

**Qualifications:** Must meet income guidelines.

**These services are FREE.**
**Online Help:**

You can also go to career websites online, but there’s no substitute for talking with professional job counselors. Many websites have information useful for exploring job opportunities and training programs and even finding jobs. Browse!

- **Ohio Workforce**
  [http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce](http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce)
  See description above.

- **Career Voyage:** [http://www.careervoyages.gov/](http://www.careervoyages.gov/)
  1-877-US-2JOBS (1-877-872-5627)
  You can explore hundreds of different careers, learn about job prospects and educational requirements for those jobs, and even watch videos about what they are like! The CAREER COMPASS will also help you match your interests with career choices.

- **America’s Career InfoNet:** [http://www.acinet.org/acinet/](http://www.acinet.org/acinet/)
  Look here to find out about wages and employment trends, occupational requirements, state-by-state labor market conditions, employer contacts nationwide, financial aid information, and the most extensive career resource library online.

  This is a great site for information about hundreds of different types of jobs – such as teaching, practicing law, and nursing. The OOH tells you: the training and education needed, job responsibilities, average wages, and job prospects.

- **What Interests You?:** [http://www.bls.gov/k12](http://www.bls.gov/k12)
  Find jobs that match your interests at this US Department of Labor site.

- **Mapping Your Future** [http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/)
Explore different careers, learn how to write a resume and interview for a job, find a college or training program, and even info on completing your FAFSA

- **Career and Tech School Finder:** [http://www.khake.com](http://www.khake.com)
  Explore vocational and technical careers, check out the skills employers really want, find a trade school, research technical topics and take a look at the current job market.

- **Princeton Review Career quiz:**
  Create a free account and complete a 24-question quiz to identify your interest and style and link to careers that may be a match. You can then learn about the requirements, pay, and day-to-day characteristics of that job.

**EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES**

Most of the new jobs out there today are in service industries—businesses that: sell items (retail), move people (tourism) or money (banking), or provide services (education, legal help, health care). Many service jobs are in retail. That’s why it may not be hard to find low paying retail jobs at fast food restaurants or in the mall. Some careers in retail can be dead ends, depending on what other training you get and whether you will be able to rise in the ranks quickly enough to offset the initial low wages.

Landing a different type of job that pays on the higher end usually means getting specialized training and skills. A good idea, in this economic climate, is to “job shadow”. Start to learn what people do in different jobs. Once you see actual possibilities, you’ll have a better idea of what you’ll want to do. **There are choices: you’ll just have to look around to see them!**

**THE 20 FASTEST GROWING JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES**

The numbers of openings in these jobs are expected to grow
the fastest during the next five to seven years. The **Fastest Growing Occupations, 2006-16** From the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2007, lists the following careers:

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<td>MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SOCIAL WORKERS</td>
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CHECK IT OUT! Jobs labeled in CAPITAL LETTERS are in the health care field.

OHIO’s HOT Jobs!

Compiled from data on Jobs with High Employment Prospects. To view the entire document, go to http://lmi.state.oh.us/proj/OhioJobOutlook.htm and click “Jobs with High Employment Prospects.”. Pay reflects the average wage in Jobs with High Employment Prospects, compiled by OHIO LABOR MARKET CLASSIC, includes Ohio jobs that have an average wage or at least $12.00 per hour and have a minimum of 75 job openings per year. However, only those jobs that have 200 or more openings are included on this list. * Job descriptions (BUT NOT PAY) are summarized and/or excerpted from 2006 IL Occupational Outlook in Brief at: http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/joib/joibtop.htm. ** Job descriptions (BUT NOT PAY) are summarized and/or excerpted from Michigan’s Labor Market Information Page at http://www.milmi.org/?PAGEID=204

BEST BET JOBS: ON THE JOB TRAINING

- **Sales Reps, Wholesale/Manufacturing**: Sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers to businesses or groups of individuals. **Pay**: $25.75 – $31.00

- **General Maintenance & Repair Workers**: Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. **Pay**: $15.43

- **Electricians**: Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. **Pay**: $21.45

- **Dental Assistants**: Assist dentist, set up patient and equipment, and keep records. **Pay**: $12.60

- **Truck Drivers, Light and Delivery**: Deliver goods and packages on vans and trucks weighing less

- **Customer Service Representative**: Serve as a company or organizations direct point of contact for customers; responsibilities include: answering questions, addressing concerns. **Pay**: $13.46

- **Construction Laborer**: Job responsibilities vary . . ., but includes preparing construction sites, operating equipment, and often working with a team of craftspeople to construct or repair buildings, highways, etc. **Pay**: $15.80

- **Carpenters**: Construct, erect, install, and repair structures and fixtures made from wood and other material, including walls, stairs, cabinets, tunnel work. **Pay**: $17.01

- **Police and Sheriff’s Patrol Officer**: Enforce the law in a different ways: patrol assigned area, respond to emergency calls, investigate crimes, even give first aid to victims. **Pay**: $19.91
Ohio’s Best Bet Jobs, Cont².

² Jobs with High Employment Prospects, compiled by OHIO LABOR MARKET CLASSIC, includes Ohio jobs that have an average wage or at least $12.00 per hour and have a minimum of 75 job openings per year. However, only those jobs that have 200 or more openings are included on this list.
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BEST BET JOBS: VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

- **Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses:** Works under the direction of doctors and RNs to help care for patients, record vital signs, give medicine, and help patients.**
  Pay: $16.28

- **Registered Nurse:**
  Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.*
  Pay: $23.02

- **Computer Support Specialists:** Provide technical assistance to computer system users.*
  Pay: $20.68

4 YEARS OF COLLEGE (BACHELOR’S DEGREE)

- **Registered Nurses**: Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.*
  Pay: $16.81

- **Accountants and Auditors**: Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements. Pay:
  $25.16

- **Computer Systems Analysts**: Analyze science, engineering, business, and all other data processing problems for application to electronic data processing systems. Pay: $30.25

- **Computer Software Engineers, Applications**: Develop, create, and modify general computer applications software or specialized utility programs. Pay: $32.30

- **Elementary School Teacher**: Teach children; usually teach multiple subjects, including English, math, science, social studies, and even the arts. (Only 9.3% growth rate, but very large numbers of openings. Excludes Special Ed. Teachers.) Pay: $44,190 annual salary

- **Secondary School Teachers**: Teach children; usually specialize in one subject (English, math, etc.) and help students delve more deeply into subjects introduced in elementary school. (Excludes Special and Vocational Ed.) Pay: $44,090 annual salary
Focus on Healthcare

Healthcare offers it all: well-paying work that’s on the cutting edge of science and technology, the opportunity to serve others, and excellent potential for advancement. **12 of the nation’s 20 fastest growing jobs are in the healthcare field.** Healthcare careers featured on the nation’s fastest growing list and some of those that qualify as Ohio’s “best bet” jobs are featured below.

Many schools and programs can help prepare you for a career in healthcare; some are listed below each description. See [page 36 for school contact information](#). Find additional schools at [http://www.all alliedhealthschools.com/](http://www.all alliedhealthschools.com/). Description, requirements and pay based on the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](http://www.bls.gov/oco/) at [http://www.bls.gov/oco/](http://www.bls.gov/oco/). Pay is the median (middle) income in 2004.

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<th>Dental Hygienist:</th>
<th>Examines and cleans teeth; teaches good oral hygiene; does basic procedures.</th>
<th>Requirements:</th>
<th>Associate degree from accredited program, license to practice</th>
<th>Pay: $22.72 to $33.82 an hour</th>
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| Dental Assistant: | Aids a dentist in treating patients, keeps medical records, prepares rooms, assists dentist during procedures, performs basic procedures | Requirements: | On the job training, high school diploma or GED to enroll in dental assisting programs (usually 1 year or less to complete) | Pay: $13.62 per hour | CC: CID-MA, NIT, RC, CCC, PCC | FC: OIHC | HC: IM-DT MC: M-JCC |

| Home Health Aid: | Works in residential care facilities or homes to help disabled, ill, elderly, or injured people; does basic medical tasks (e.g. gives oral medications, check pulse, temperature, and respiration); helps bath, dress, and groom patients. | Requirements: | HS diploma or GED required for most positions, certification once hired | Pay: $8.81 per hour | On the Job Training |

| Personal and Home Care Aide: | Helps the elderly, disabled (mentally and physically), and ill in their homes; assists with housekeeping, shopping, cooking, and grooming. | Requirements: | On the job training, certification once hired |

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⁹¹[NOTE: This list utilizes OOH data and pay data – that means this data will be different from the pay scales listed on the “Ohio Best Bet Jobs.”]
Pay: $8.12 per hour
On the Job Training

Medical Assistant: Performs administrative (answering phones, scheduling appointments, updating records) and clinical (taking medical history and vital signs, assisting doctor) duties.
Requirements: Formal program in medical assisting; usually takes one year (certificate) or 2 years (associates degree)
Pay: $24,610 per year
FC: BS, EI, OIHC, SWC-F, TEC, AST, CSCC  HC: BMC, NC, SWC-CiT, SWC-CiV, CSTC, IM-DT, UoC
MC: M-JCC, NC-D, OIPT, RETS, SWC-D, MVCTC, SCC

Physician Assistant: Practices medicine under supervision of doctor; can serve as primary care provider.
Requirements: Masters degree; license to practice.
Pay: $69,410 per year
CC: CCC, CCC-W  MC: KCMA

SCHOOLS: Find Contact Information on Page 36.
AST: American School of Technology  BMC: Brown Mackie College
BrS: Bradford School  B&SC: Bryant & Stratton College
BS: Bohecker College  CCC: Cuyahoga Community College
CCC-W: Cuyahoga Community College West  CID-MA:
Cleveland Institute of Dental-Medical
CSCC: Columbus State Community  CSTC:
Cincinnati State Tech & Com. College
CSU: Cleveland State University  KCI-Cl:
EI: Everest Institute  Kaplan Career Institute- Cleveland
IM-DT: Institute of Medical-Dental Tech

Registered Nurse: Treat patients, support and advise families, record medical histories, perform basic tests, give medications, and more.
Requirements: License to practice, Associates Degree (2-3 years), Bachelors (4 years); diploma and masters programs also available.
Pay: $52,330 per year

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN): Works under the direction of doctors and RNs to help care for patients, record vital signs, give medicine, and help patients.
Requirements: Practical nursing program (usually one year), license to practice
Pay: $33,970
CC: UP-C  HC: UoC
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<td>Physical Therapist</td>
<td>Helps patients improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities.</td>
<td>Master’s degree or PhD; license to practice</td>
<td>$60,180 per year</td>
<td>CSU</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>CMSJ, UoC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physical Therapist Assistant</td>
<td>Helps physical therapists; performs procedures including exercise, ultrasound, and massages and report outcomes to therapist.</td>
<td>Associates degree, license to practice</td>
<td>$37,890 per year</td>
<td>CCC</td>
<td>Not Available</td>
<td>UoC</td>
<td>SCC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physical Therapist Aide</td>
<td>Helps physical therapist; prepares the room, answers phones, and completes paperwork.</td>
<td>On the job training</td>
<td>$21,120 per year</td>
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<tr>
<td>Occupational Therapist</td>
<td>Rehabilitate[s] people with mental, physical, emotional or developmental impairments; helps people recover from injuries or illness and return to daily activities and to learn to live with permanent injury.</td>
<td>Master’s degree or PhD, license to practice</td>
<td>$54,660 per year</td>
<td>CSU</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>XU</td>
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<tr>
<td>Occupational Therapist Assistant</td>
<td>Helps the occupational therapist; assists people learn proper movement (e.g. from wheelchair to a bed) and exercises; and records and reports effects to therapist.</td>
<td>Associates degree or certificate</td>
<td>$38,430 per year</td>
<td>CCC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diagnostic Medical Sonographers</td>
<td>Use x-rays, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasounds to diagnosis patients.</td>
<td>Associates or bachelor’s degrees</td>
<td>$52,490 per year</td>
<td>S-BI, CCC</td>
<td>CSTC</td>
<td>KCMA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radiologic Technologists and Technicians</td>
<td>Perform x-rays and other diagnostic imaging procedures.</td>
<td>Certificate, associates, or bachelor’s degree</td>
<td>$43,350 per year</td>
<td>CCC</td>
<td>CSCC, OSU</td>
<td>UoC, XU</td>
<td>KCMA, SCC</td>
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TRAINING BY INDUSTRY

Find a training program at your local community college or job training program. Much of the information found below was found on Career Voyages website at http://www.careervoyages.gov/. Find the contact information for each program listed below on page 36. NOTE: This is not a complete list of programs.

### Auto Services

*Do you like cars? Train to be a car sales person, service manager, technician, or more!*

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### Computer and Technology

*Are you good with computers? Train to be a network system administrator, computer support specialist, computer programmer, or more!*

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## Construction

**Construction:** Do you like working with your hands? Train to be a: carpenter, electrician, welder, home inspector, air conditioning/heating specialist, or more!

- **Cuyahoga:** KCI, CCC
- **Franklin:** ITT-F, CSCC
- **Hamilton:** CCA-Ci, CSTCC
- **Montgomery:** CCA-D, SCC

## Healthcare

**Healthcare:** Do you like helping people? Train to be a: nurse, medical assistant, dental assistant, x-ray technician, or more!

See “FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE” article on page 12 for schools that offer training in healthcare.

## Business & Sales

**Business/Sales:** Are you a natural sales person? Train to be a: business administrator, marketing expert, sales person, or more!

- **Cuyahoga:** CCC
- **Franklin:** CSCC
- **Hamilton:** CSTCC
- **Montgomery:** SCC

## Restaurants & Hospitality

**Restaurants and Hospitality:** Do you enjoy cooking or entertaining? Train to be a: chef, bookkeeper, restaurant or hotel manager, salesperson, or more!

- **Cuyahoga:** DVU, CCC
- **Franklin:** BrS, CSCC
- **Hamilton:** AIO, CSTCC
- **Montgomery:** SCC

## Cosmetology*

**Cosmetology:**
- **Cuyahoga:** BAI
- **Franklin:** OSSC
- **Hamilton:** WH
- **Montgomery:** M-JC

* Not included on fastest growing lists.

Keep in mind, there are many other training options for the above fields; check out: [http://www.khake.com/](http://www.khake.com/) to find vocational and technical schools; [www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov) to find apprenticeships in the above industries; [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com/) to search for four-year colleges in your field of choice!

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**Find Contact Information on Page 36.**

- **AIO:** The Art Institute of Ohio
- **BAI:** Brown Aveda Institute
- **BrS:** Bradford School
- **CCA-Ci:** Construction Craft Academy - Cincinnati
- **CCA-D:** Construction Craft Academy - Dayton
- **CCC:** Cuyahoga Community College
- **CSCC:** Columbus State Community College
- **CSTCC:** Cincinnati

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STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION

State Tech & Comm College
DVU: DeVry University
ITT-F: ITT Technical Institute-Franklin
KCI-Co: Kaplan Career Institute Columbus
M-JC: Miami-Jacobs Career College
OSSC: Ohio State School of Cosmetology
SCC: Sinclair Community College
UoC: University of Cincinnati
WH: Western Hills

SECTION TWO: TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

FINDING YOUR PERFECT COLLEGE

Being a college or university student is hard, but it’s also fun and exciting. It’s a time in life where you can concentrate fully on learning what you enjoy and on what will help you find a well-paid and meaningful career.
Quite a few myths are out there, however, about getting into and paying for college. So before you let the myths discourage you, check out the real story about college.

**MYTH #1: You Can’t Afford College**  
Sometimes you have to spend money to make money. College graduates earn an average of 1 million dollars more over their careers than high school graduates. In most cases, you can’t afford NOT to go to college. Remember, however, that if you don’t graduate, that financial advantage will be lost and you will still have to pay back any loans that you took out. So make it a priority to study something you love and to stay in school.

**MYTH #2: There’s Less Financial Aid Than Before**  
Wrong. Most students receive some form of aid. Less of this aid now comes in the form of grants (free money); however, there are still low interest loans, institutional grants, and work study programs.

**MYTH #3: I’m Not a “Straight-A” Student, So I Won’t Get Into School or Get Financial Aid**  
Most college graduates are perfectly ordinary people in terms of memory, attention span, and other abilities; however, they are usually willing to stretch their minds and exercise their mental abilities. Also, while it’s true that most scholarships reward merit, the vast majority of federal aid is based on financial need.

**MYTH #4: I Have a Family to Support, I Cannot Go to College**  
Community colleges often have evening classes and programs specifically designed for part-time students. When attending college part-time, it is best to take only two or three courses at a time. If you’re arranging your classes around work or family responsibilities, you also need to arrange regular times and places to study. It may take you longer to earn a degree, but you can do it!

**PRIVATE, PUBLIC, OR COMMUNITY?**  
Now you have decided to go to college, but how do you choose the one that’s best for you. Public and private colleges offer degrees in all areas of professional life. Degrees vary in time and cost, ranging from a two-year associate’s degree for many skilled labor professions (e.g., nurse, mechanic) to a four-year bachelor’s degree and beyond.

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<td>$2,272</td>
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<td>$5,836</td>
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<td>Room &amp; Board</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>$6,299</td>
<td>$6,960</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>$1,197</td>
<td>$880</td>
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<td>Other expenses</td>
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<td>Total/y</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>$12,294</td>
<td>$16,35</td>
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**COMMUNITY COLLEGES: A VERY SMART PLACE TO BEGIN YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Less money, less stress! Community colleges are known as “2 year” colleges because you can get an Associate Degree in 2 years. Community colleges are also a great springboard to a university to earn a bachelor’s degree. Community colleges often offer extra support for students, who need help with academics, as well as working students and parents. Many offer excellent career certificates and licensing programs and they usually cost less than 4-year colleges and universities. You can find any community college in any state on this site:

**Ohio Association of Community Colleges**

[http://www.ohiocc.org/](http://www.ohiocc.org/)

Provides info on public and private community colleges. Find a community college near you or one that offers the program you want.

OACC  41 S. High Street, St 3625 Columbus, OH 43215
A Partial List of Ohio’s Community Colleges

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<th>College</th>
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<th>Degrees Offered</th>
<th>Programs (a partial list)</th>
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<td>Cuyahoga Community College</td>
<td>public, community</td>
<td>associates, degree, certificates, transfer program</td>
<td>Landscape Tech, Business, Health careers, Nursing, automotive tech, construction, early childhood, environmental health, law enforcement, hospitality, culinary arts, court reporting, marketing</td>
<td>Six campuses and additional off-campus sites. Call 1-800-954-TRIC (8742) for more info.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Columbus State Community College</td>
<td>public, community</td>
<td>associates, certificates, transfer program</td>
<td>Columbus State offers more than 150 degrees and certificates and 55 Career and Technical programs. Some of these include: Aviation, Automotive, Construction Management, Dental, Mechanical, Electronics, EMT certifications, Fire Science, HVAC careers, Hospitality, Landscape, Law Enforcement, Nursing, Veterinary technology, and many more.</td>
<td>550 East Spring Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 614/287-5353</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cincinnati State Technical and Community College</td>
<td>public, community</td>
<td>certificates, associates, transfer programs</td>
<td>nursing, draftsman, computer, accounting, automotive programs, food service, fire service, graphics, health and fitness, hospitality, landscaping, hospitality, culinary arts, paramedics, and much more.</td>
<td>3520 Central Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45223 513/569-1500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sinclair Community College</td>
<td>Public, community</td>
<td>Transfer programs, associates degrees, certificates</td>
<td>Dental and health careers, nursing, emergency medical techs, business, computers, hospitality, travel, tourism, real estate, early childhood, law enforcement and criminal justice, arts, automotive, aviation, engineering, fire services, heating vent and air conditioning,</td>
<td>444 West Third Street Dayton, Ohio 45402-1460 (800) 315-3000 (with additional campus</td>
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## A Partial List of South Ohio Colleges, Universities and Community Colleges


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<th>Website</th>
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<td>Capital University-FC</td>
<td><a href="http://www.capital.edu">www.capital.edu</a></td>
<td>614/236-6011</td>
<td>1 College and Main Columbus, Ohio 43209</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ohio State University-FC</td>
<td><a href="http://www.osu.edu">www.osu.edu</a></td>
<td>614/292-8993</td>
<td>190 North Oval Mall Columbus, Ohio 43210</td>
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<td>Miami University-IHC</td>
<td><a href="http://www.muohio.edu">www.muohio.edu</a></td>
<td>513/529-2500</td>
<td>301 South Patterson Ave Oxford, Ohio 45056</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Cincinnati-HC</td>
<td><a href="http://www.uc.edu">www.uc.edu</a></td>
<td>513/556-1100</td>
<td>2600 Clifton Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45221</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Dayton- MC</td>
<td><a href="http://www.udayton.edu">www.udayton.edu</a></td>
<td>937/229-1000</td>
<td>300 College Park Dayton, Ohio 45469</td>
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<td>Wright State University-MC</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wright.edu">www.wright.edu</a></td>
<td>937/775-3333</td>
<td>3640 Colonel Glenn Highway Dayton, Ohio 45435</td>
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**SELECTING A COLLEGE**

You can get started by visiting:
- **KnowHowToGo Ohio:**
  - [http://www.knowhow2goohio.org/](http://www.knowhow2goohio.org/)
  - 41 S. High St, Ste 1650 Columbus, OH 43215
  - This site provides resources to help students and families plan for and achieve success in college.
  - This site can help you: explore careers, research colleges, and find financial aid and scholarships. You can even complete your FAFSA online.

- **Ohio College Access Network (OCAN):**
  - [http://www.ocihan.org/](http://www.ocihan.org/)
  - **Columbus:** 41 S. High St, Ste 1650 Columbus, Ohio 43215 614/947-3500
  - **Cleveland:** 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1548 Cleveland, Ohio 44115 216/241-6133
  - OCAN is a network of organizations that work to increase awareness of and successful participation in quality postsecondary programs, including apprenticeship, certificate, associate, and bachelor degree programs. OCAN organizations offer one-on-one financial aid/scholarship counseling, mentoring, test prep, college visits, community workshops and more. College Access Information Hotline "provides postsecondary resources to Ohio residents at 877/1-ATTAIN (1-877-428-8246). SEE SIDEBAR!"

- **Getting to College, Workforce 411:**

**What’s The Time Commitment?**

- **Certificate** = Less than 2 years
- **Associates** = 2 years
- **Bachelors** = 4 years
- **Masters** = Bachelor + 2 years
- **PhD** = Masters + 2 years

**YOU SHOULD KNOW!**

**Ohio Community Access Network (OCAN) Programs:**

Find a program near you at: [http://www.ocihan.org/](http://www.ocihan.org/)

**Cuyahoga County:**
- **Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc.** [www.cspohio.org](http://www.cspohio.org/)
  - Alenka Winslett 216/241-5587
  - 200 Public Square BP Tower, Ste 3820 Cleveland, OH 44114

**Franklin County:**
- **Columbus Urban League’s Achievement Matters College Assess Program** [www.cul.org](http://www.cul.org/)
  - Eddie Harrell Jr. 614/257-6300x309
  - 788 Mount Vernon Ave Columbus, OH 43203
- **I KNOW I CAN - Columbus Public School District** [www.iknowican.org](http://www.iknowican.org/)
  - Katina Fullen 614/233-9510 x 120
  - 603 E Town St Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Hamilton County:**
- **Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation** [www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org)
  - Ned Hertzenberg 513/345-6701
  - 652 Main St Cincinnati, OH 45202
- **Cincinnati Youth Collaborative - Cincinnati Public School District**
List links that can help you search for colleges in Ohio and throughout the US (and find ways to pay for them!)

- Ohio Board of Regents: [http://regents.ohio.gov/colleges_universities.php](http://regents.ohio.gov/colleges_universities.php)
  Great info on 2-year colleges, 4 year colleges (both public and private), and great financial aid resources.

- [OhioLearns!](http://www.ohiolearns.org/about_ohl.php)
  Info about distance learning and online learning in Ohio.

- [OhioLearns!](http://www.ohiollearns.org/about_ohl.php)
  Info about distance learning and online learning in Ohio.

- [Other Good Websites to Help Select a College](http://www.students.gov/STU GOVWebApp/Public)
  A website designed to provide students with ease access to info and resources from the US government, including: choosing, applying, and financing the right college; learning about careers; and even finding volunteer opportunities and getting your passport.

- [ACT College Net](http://www.act.org/college_search/fset_col_search.html)
  Search colleges by type (4 year, 2 year, vocational, professional), region or state, name of institution, majors offered, size, type of institution (public or private), tuition, campus life, and/or average high school GPA or test scores. Then, view contact information, number of students, tuition, and info about admissions, financial aid, campus life, and academics for schools that match your needs. Links to online applications at participating colleges.

- [Black Excel](http://www.blackexcel.org/)
  Helps African American students and parents navigate the difficult college admission process. The site also includes the “Most Comprehensive” scholarship list available for Black students.

  This online “counselor” matches information you provide (about how you did in high school, your extracurricular, your family background, location, and your college and career preferences) with possible colleges.

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  A number of government programs can help you. To get loans from the government, you (and your parents or guardians) must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

  The FAFSA is used to determine the amount of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and your eligibility for federal and state financial aid.

  The FAFSA form is long (and sometimes confusing) so don’t hesitate to ask for help from your guidance counselor or the financial aid office of any college you are applying to, or visit [http://www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) for useful hints. You can get a paper FAFSA application from any
College is Possible
http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/CIP/Default896.htm
A resource to help students and families plan and find resources to pay for college.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE: You Can Do It!
It pays to study the financial aid system. So take some time to figure out how financial aid works. It may seem tough or boring, but the more help you can find, the better you’ll enjoy and focus on your studies. “Financial aid” comes in many forms:

* **LOANS**: money you have to pay back (comes with high or low interest rates)
* **GRANTS**: free money that does not need to be repaid
* **SCHOLARSHIPS**: free money based on merit or skill
* **WORK STUDY**: work part time to help pay your tuition
* **LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM**: Many programs will repay a portion of your student loan if you work in a pre-approved government program.
SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY, SERVICE YOUR LOAN!!

Sallie Mae’s College Answers.Com is a website that provides information on many ways to pay for college, including loan forgiveness programs. For more information, go to www.collegeanswer.com/paying/content/pay_loan_forgive.jsp.

In addition to any wages and/or living allowance provided, these programs also come with an education award that can be used to forgive (cancel) money you owe on student loans.

- **AmeriCorps**: A federal program that employs over 70,000 people per year to work in the areas of education, healthcare, environmental protection, and public safety. (Receive up to $4,725 after serving a yearlong term).
- **Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)**: As an AmeriCorp program, VISTA focuses on “empowering people in low income areas” by working to help end “hunger, homeless, poverty, and illiteracy.” (Receive up to $4,725 after completing a minimum of 1700 hours.)
  - [http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp) 202/606-5000
- **Teach for America**: If you are a college graduate, you can apply to teach in an urban or rural public school. (Receive up to $4,725 each year you serve).
- **Peace Corp**: Volunteer in a developing country working in the areas of healthcare, environmental protection, business, or education and a portion of some federal loans will be forgiven.

There are also loan forgiveness programs for teachers and health care professionals who are working in underserved areas. See College Answers.Com’s webpage for more information!

*Awards can be applied to future tuition (up to 7 years from the time you finish the program).*

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

When you apply for financial aid, make certain to check the “strings attached” and make wise decisions. There are many scholarship (merit based) and aid programs for which you may qualify. Qualified students whose families do not earn a lot of money should not shy away from applying to private colleges that appear to be too pricey. These schools often have “need-based” aid, and if they are interested in you (combination of good grades, involvement in interesting activities, minority demographic status, where you live, etc.), they often will provide large grants to reduce your tuition costs. **Note**, the unemployment of a parent, single-parenthood, and major non-discretionary expenses such as medical bills can move your application into a “need-based” category. If you have such situations, you may be eligible for more than you think.

SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID SITES:

CHECK IT OUT

Other good financial aid websites:

- [www.Icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.Icanaffordcollege.com)
- *College Financial Aid for Dummies* by Herm
Good financial aid resources. 888/833-1133
Good information on paying for school, understanding loans, and calculating costs.
The Wired Scholar: www.wiredscholar.com
A great site that helps you learn more about choosing to, applying to, and paying for your college of choice
This guide is updated each year and available free online or by calling 800-433-3243.
Find resources for financial aid information.
Corporation for National Service: www.nationalservice.org
AmeriCorps, VISTA and the National Civilian Community Corps hire tens of thousands
people a year to do important work while earning money for college. Contact the Corporation for National Service at 800/942-2677.
Churches, Colleges, and University Loan Sources: http://www-feat.centeronconscience.org.
For a listing of other loan sources provided by churches and colleges and universities, see the website or contact Center on Conscience and War at 202-483-1242.

Other Sources of Aid Your school counselor or public library has good information on local sources of financial aid. For example, churches, civic groups, parents’ employers, Veteran’s Administration offices, and
**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

If you are ineligible for federal financial aid, it is important to contact the Financial Aid Officer at the school you wish to attend. They may know of scholarships or funding options of which you are unaware. Possible reasons you may be ineligible for federal aid: drug conviction, dependency status, refusal to register for selective service, immigration status, or other problems (tax problems, parental refusal to fill out forms).

**Dependency Status:** If your parents will not support you or you are not in contact with them, you may petition the school to consider you as an independent student, meaning you can get financial aid without your parents’ help. In most cases, colleges are reluctant to grant this status, but...
Community colleges may be more helpful. Usually only married students, parents of dependent children, veterans, graduate students, and orphans or wards of the court under the age of 24 are considered independent for financial aid purposes.

**Non-Registrants:** If you did not register with Selective Service when you turned 18, or are considering not registering, federal law does not allow you to enroll in federally funded job training programs or to receive federal financial aid for college. To help those who, for reasons of conscience, do not comply with Selective Service laws, the Center on Conscience and War (CCW) provides loans from the Fund for Education and Training (FEAT) [www.feat.centeronconscience.org](http://www.feat.centeronconscience.org). They also provide a list of schools that will help non-Registrants financially.

**Undocumented Students:**
Being undocumented does not mean that you are unable to attend college, so do not become discouraged. While being an undocumented student disqualifies you from receiving federal financial aid, there are other sources that can help you pay for your education. There are a number of scholarships available for undocumented students. For more information, go to [http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml).

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**CHECK IT OUT!**

- **The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Education Center** [http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/index.html](http://www.chci.org/chciyouth/index.html) Info on scholarships, internships, and college search - even a College Preparation Kit.
- **FastWeb:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) Free scholarship search service that uses your answers to a questionnaire to list scholarships that you may be able to receive.
- **Scholarship Guide** [www.niu.edu/lrc/scholarships/ScholarshipGuide%201.pdf](http://www.niu.edu/lrc/scholarships/ScholarshipGuide%201.pdf) Great list of scholarships for students in the Midwest.
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net) Lists many different scholarships available for undocumented students.
FINDING YOUR PERFECT JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

While most good paying jobs require post-secondary training, not all of them require college. There are many good vocational programs available. Vocational programs are offered at universities, community colleges, and even community organizations. Some offer part-time programs, others are intensive full time programs, some are even residential programs. Check out the ones below! NOTE: This is not a complete list. Check local organizations or the web for more info.

- **Asian American Community Services Center-FC**  
  What: An organization that serves the underserved immigrant community with a focus on the Asian American community in central Ohio.  
  Services Provided: Interpretation and Translation services, Advocacy, Citizenship Education, Computer and Keyboard Training, Computer and Internet Access, Employment Assistance, Internships, Tutoring Services, Youth Services, Medical Assistance, Parenting Support, and other services  
  Other: Services above available free of charge.  
  Where: 4100 North High Street suite 301 Columbus, Ohio 43214 614/220-4023  
  Contact: Lhakpa Tsering Executive Director

- **Catapult-CC**  
  What: Catapult Learning is a youth provider for low-income 19-21 year olds  
  Services Provided: They provide GED Prep Classes. They will also help youth trying to attend college fill out forms such as the FAFSA to receive money for school.  
  Vocational Programs: They provide GED Prep Classes, State-Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) training, job preparation and placement, they offer a nationally certified Customer Service Class, and they provide Microsoft Business Computer Classes  
  Where: 3416 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 216/881-4908  
  Contact: John Boyde

- **Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD)-CC**  
  What: CMSD’s Office of Adult and Continuing Education  
  Services Provided: CMSD offers GED training class, practice test, and the GED Exam. The GED Class and practice test are free and if you successfully pass the practice the fee for the GED test will...
be waived. For the training programs there are income guidelines and scholarships are available. You must have either a diploma or a GED.

**Vocational Programs:** The CMSD provides educational services and training programs such as Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technician, Carpentry, Early Childhood Development, Electrical Information Processing, Machining, Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide, and Welding.
WHERE: 4700 Detroit Avenue, Room 169 (GED) or Rm. 163 (Training and Education)
Cleveland, OH 44102  (216) 631-2885 (GED Tests and Classes) (216) 634-2157 (Training and Educational Programs)

- Community Refugee and Immigration Services-FC  [www.cris-ohio.com](http://www.cris-ohio.com)

**What:** Immigration legal services provided to over 4000 immigrants in 2006 and over 300 refugees and immigrants received employment placement.

**Services Provided:** Available Services include assessment of skills, interests, training, and experience. Comprehensive Employment Services are offered at several different CRIS locations. Interviewing skills development, Job search and placement counseling, Tutoring, and many other services are available.

**Other:** Proof of Citizenship required to receive services.

**Where:** 3628 Bexvie Avenue  Columbus, Ohio 43227  614/235-5747

**Contact:** Jane McGrew

- The Dayton Urban League-MC  [www.daytonurbanleague.org](http://www.daytonurbanleague.org)

**Services Provided:** The Dayton Urban League provides Support, Job and Career Skills Training, Tutoring, Life Skills Courses, GED Preparation (both classes and testing), Male Responsibility Guidance, Summer Employment Opportunities, and Mentoring Programs. The Center also offers Transportation Vouchers for participants in various programs. The Dayton Urban League serves the unemployed and underprivileged in the Miami Valley.

**Cost:** This Program is Free to all who qualify.

**Who:** Applicants must fall into poverty level income guidelines.

**Where:** 907 W. Fifth Street  Dayton, Ohio 45407
937/220-6650

**Contacts:**
Otis Crusoe: Director of Youth Employment  14-21
Leon Hardin: Director of Employment  18-over

**SHARE NETWORK:**[www.ohioworkforce411.gov/sharenetwork.stm](http://www.ohioworkforce411.gov/sharenetwork.stm)

Find service providers in your area. You can find organizations that help with adult employment,
Department of Adult and Community Education - FC

Services Provided: ABLE/GED preparation and ESOL programs, Job Readiness assistance, Specialized Job Training, Career counseling and exploration, Interviewing skills, Labor Market information, Scholarship/Tuition Assistance, and a Full range of student and employment services. GED prep program serves thousands each year.

Other: Fees apply in training programs, success rate in placements have a 97% success rate.

Who: Qualifications: 18 and older, Citizenship not required for all programs

Where: 2323 Lexington Avenue  
       Columbus, Ohio 43211  614/365-6000

Contact: Chris Cannaday

Esperenza - CC

What: Esperenza offers K-12 Tutoring in Cuyahoga County and provides scholarships for Hispanic Youth trying to pursue secondary education.

Where: 4115 Bridge Avenue  
       Cleveland, OH 44113  
       216/651-7178

ISUS Corporation - MC

140 North Keowee Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
937/223-6200

Contact: Betty Hosta

The ISUS Corp. is a Charter School that provides On The Job Training programs for Teens including: Manufacturing, Healthcare, Computers, and Construction. In addition, this program also offers Life Skills Training, and Core Curriculum classes. In addition, every program includes a Community Service component.

Job Corps - CC

What: The Job Corps provides the opportunity for low-income individuals to travel to a school in the U.S. and learn a trade that they choose.

Who: You must be 16-24 years of age with some exceptions for handicapped people over the age of 24. Please visit their website to find out more information.

Where: 1468 East 55th St.  
       Cleveland, OH 44103  
       1-800-733-5627

Urban League of Greater Cleveland (ULGC) - CC

Services Provided: The program includes employment and training services, financial education, economic development, life skills, youth educational development, and parenting techniques. The program is free to all who qualify.

Vocational Programs: The ULGC collaborated with the Visiting Nurse Association to offer Home Health Aide training and certification.
Where: 2930 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 216/622-0999

Westside Industrial Retention and Expansion Network (WIRE-NET)- CC
www.wire-net.org
Services Provided: WIRE-NET provides youths with prior experience or training in the manufacturing and technology fields and places them in jobs. They provide employability skills training, robotic competitions, job shadowing, and pre-apprenticeships programs.
Vocational: manufacturing and technology
Where: 5209 Detroit Avenue Cleveland, OH 44102 216/588-1440

YO! Cleveland - CC
What: YO! Cleveland offers programs for youth ages 14-21.
Services Provided: They help encourage high school completion, provide help with college enrollment, teach hands-on life-skills such as childcare, transportation, substance abuse counseling, computer training and recreational activities.
Where: Glenville Enterprise Center 540 East 105th St.

TRADE SCHOOLS
In addition to job training programs at local community groups, you can also pursue an education from a trade school. A variety of training programs are available across the country. Once you find one, locate the contact information and call or email to get more information. Communicating with a person about the program will bring it to life.

Included below are a few technical/trade schools near you:
Note: This is a partial list.

- Antonelli College-HC
  www.Antonelli.com
  124 East 7th Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
  513/241-4338

- Academy of Court Reporting
  www.acr.edu
  FC: 630 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215
  614/885-0626
  HC: 630 Main Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
  513/723-0520 Contacts: John Robinson Director of Admissions

FIND A TRADE SCHOOL NEAR YOU:
http://www.khake.com
Explore vocational and technical careers, check out the skills employers really want, find a trade school, research technical topics and take a look at the current...
With campuses in both Downtown Columbus and Downtown Cincinnati, this organization offers Mentoring programs, corporate childcare needs, Financial Assistance, and Guidance with resume building and interview skills. Three programs including; Paralegal, Court Reporting, and Private Investigation are financially achievable with low tuition rates that can be covered by the Pell and OIG Grants.

- **Great Oaks Institute of Tech. and Career Development- HC**
  
  [www.greatoaks.com](http://www.greatoaks.com)
  
  3254 East Kemper Road  
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45241  
  513/771-8881

  Contact: Donna Szabo  
  Career Counselor  
  (513)612-5790

  Great Oaks offers Full time, Part time, and summer programs for both adults and teens at 5 different locations in the Greater Cincinnati region. This school offers classes in personal and organizational development, personal and life boot camp, leadership and personal development, communications, conflict and problem solving techniques, resume preparations, offer financial aid for full time programs only. Great Oaks offers MANY Trade programs, Cabinetry, Technical, Medical, Design, Floral, Heavy Equipment, Automotive, etc. Financial Aid Assistance is available.

  Fall Classes start September 4, Deadline for Fall is August 27

- **ITT Technical Institute**
  
  [http://www.itt-tech.edu/campus/school.cfm?lloc_num=83](http://www.itt-tech.edu/campus/school.cfm?lloc_num=83)
  
  Where: 14955 Sprague Road  
  Strongsville, OH 44136  
  440/234-9091

  ITT has a campus in Cuyahoga County, which offers training in Computer Network Systems, Software Applications and Programming, Web Development, Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology, Computer Drafting and Design, Information Technology-Multimedia, Business Accounting Technology, Business Administration, and Criminal Justice. Extra curricular activities are also offered. Assistance is available in the financial aid department and it is possible to receive small student loans.

- **ITT Technical Institute-MC**
  
  [http://www.itt-tech.edu/campus/school.cfm?lloc_num=13&code=TFL-INK-2](http://www.itt-tech.edu/campus/school.cfm?lloc_num=13&code=TFL-INK-2)
  
  3325 Stop Eight Road  
  Dayton, Ohio 45414  
  937/264-7700

  Contact: Greg Saum  
  937 264-7739

  ITT has a campus in the Dayton Ohio area that offers career training in Drafting, Design, Multimedia, Business Admin, Electronics, and Criminal Justice. They have a financial Aid Department onsite that can walk students through the financial aid application process. Although tuition cannot be completely covered by the OIG and Pell Grants, assistance and counseling are available in the financial aid department.

- **Kaplan Career Institute-CC**
  
  8720 Brookpark Road  
  Brooklyn, OH 44129  
  216/485-0900
Kaplan Career Institute offers many areas of study. These include Medical Assistant, Medical Office Specialist, Pharmacy Technician, Computer Numerical Control Technology, and Electrician. They have a Financial Aid office which can help you complete application forms, determine eligibility, evaluate alternate financing, seek scholarship or third party funding, and understand loan terms and repayment schedules. Many loans and grants are available.

- **Kettering College of the Medical Arts - MC**  [www.kcma.edu](http://www.kcma.edu)
  3737 Southern Blvd.  Kettering, Ohio 45429  937/395-8601
  Contact: Admissions
  Nursing, Radiology, Physicians Assistants, Sonography, Nuclear Med, and Nursing Assistants, are examples of some of the programming at this school. For further in depth information and tours the school offers weekly information sessions with a College recruiter termed the ‘KAPS’ Session Tuesdays at 4:00 in the college lobby.

- **Miami Jacobs Career College-MC**  [www.miamijacobs.edu](http://www.miamijacobs.edu)
  110 North Patterson Road  Dayton, Ohio 45402  937/222-7337
  Contact: any Career Advocate available
  Miami Jacobs offers programs in the Miami Valley in 3 locations; Downtown Dayton, Springboro, and Troy. Some of these programs include; Cosmetology, Business Management, Medical and Dental Assisting programs, Massage Therapy, Nursing, and Pharmaceuticals.

- **Technology Education College-FC**  [www.teccollege.com](http://www.teccollege.com)
  2745 Winchester Pike  Columbus, Ohio 43232  614/456-4600
  Technical College offers several Health Care Legal, and Computer career programs. Various programs offer accredited work-study programs. The career services department offers individual assistance with career planning and assessment. Financial Aid assistance is available.

**APPRENTICESHIPS**

You may have read about “apprenticeships” in your history books. But these centuries-old, formalized job-training programs are rapidly gaining popularity throughout the country. You “earn while you learn” as an apprentice—acquiring valuable vocational skills on the job.

Apprenticeships are available not only in the manufacturing sector but also in service, retail and government trades. Opportunities in your state are most

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**FIELDS OFFERING APPRENTICESHIPS:**

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Biotechnology
- Construction
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Health Care
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
likely to occur in industries that want more trained employees.

Apprenticeships give employers the opportunity to train you the way they want you to be trained and to see how you do on the job. Afterwards, companies are likely to hire the people they’ve trained—workers who have not only learned the skills, but have demonstrated a good work ethic and dependability. For the apprentice, these programs provide an income while learning.

According to the IL Department of Employment Security, a typical apprenticeship is three to five years and consists of at least 2000 hours of on the job training and a minimum of 144 hours of classroom training per year. An apprentice starts earning around half of the prevailing wage on a tradesperson in their industry, but gradually earns more money. Most apprenticeship programs require the applicant: to have a high school diploma or GED, to be physical fitness, and to have the ability to work with his/her hands. For more information on Apprenticeships in Ohio, contact the Ohio State Apprenticeships Council at 614/644-0370 or 4020 East 5th Avenue in Columbus, Ohio 43219.

**ONLINE APPRENTICESHIP HELP:**
- Bureau of Labor Statistics  
  www.bls.com
- Cleveland Construction Inc.  
  www.clevelandconstruction.com  
  2757 Johnstown Road  
  Columbus, Ohio 43219  
  614/470-9602  
  Contact: Jack Quinif
- Career Voyages:  
  http://www.careervoyages.gov/apprenticeship-main.cfm
  This is a related government sponsored site that allows you to find apprenticeship programs by career. Click on the career that interests you and then search for apprenticeship programs throughout Ohio.
- Dayton Building and Construction Apprenticeship Council  
  www.daytonapprenticeships.org  
  6550 Poe Avenue  
  Dayton, Ohio 45414  
  937/264-2052
“Earn While You Learn” with these programs including; Masonry, Carpentry, Bricklaying, Electrical, Insulation, Iron working, Laborers, Millwrights, Operating Engineers, Painters, Plasterers, Roofers, Sheet Metal Workers, Plumbers and Pipefitters.

- **Ohio Workforce 411**
  [www.ohioworkforce.org/jobseekers/apprentice_toc.stm](http://www.ohioworkforce.org/jobseekers/apprentice_toc.stm)

**EXPLORE LOCAL COMPANIES AND TRADE UNIONS**
You also can call a company or trade union you may be interested in working for to ask if it has a certified apprenticeship program. (Caution: Just as with any contractual relationship, make sure you read the fine print in the apprenticeship agreement and know what you’re committing to and what you’ll receive.)

- **International Union of Operating Engineers**
  [www.iuoe.org](http://www.iuoe.org)

- **Iron Workers Local #290**
  606 Hilrose Ave, Dayton Ohio 45404 937/222-1622
  Contact: Rick Cornett

- **Ohio Operating Engineers Training Center**
  (937) 859-5211

- **Leadership Development Institute/Insulator Local #8**
  [www.unionapprenticeships.com/Cincinnati](http://www.unionapprenticeships.com/Cincinnati)
  1216 East McMillian St, Rm 207, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
  513/221-5969
  Contact: Mark Kuntz

- **CCC- Apprenticeship Programs** (earn your Journeyman’s card plus an Associates Degree)
  [http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/docs/subjects/apprenticeship.htm](http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/docs/subjects/apprenticeship.htm)
SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAMS:

Creating Your Own Wealth by Starting A Small Business

Would you like to work for yourself? Would you like to learn how to turn your resourcefulness into a way to start a business? New approaches to business training are helping people who usually do not see themselves as business-minded redefine themselves and use the skills they already have.

First, Ohio has many Small Business Development Centers led by the Small Business Administration. Most of these are connected with colleges and provide inexpensive training courses in business topics. Assistance from these centers is available to anyone interested in beginning a small business or improving or expanding an existing small business. For a list of offices, see http://www.sba.gov/localresources.

Small Business Administration Ohio District Offices

Offers good resources, including resources on financing your business, understanding government regulations, and getting assistance to help turn your idea of creating a small business into a reality.

- Cleveland Office
  - 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 211 Cleveland, OH 44115 216/522-4180

- Columbus Office
  - 401 N. Front St. Suite 200 Columbus, Ohio 43215 614/469-6860

SCORE “Counselors to America’s Small Business”

http://www.score.org/

SCORE is a nonprofit organization that offers free business counseling, business resources, and low cost workshops (starting a

SCORE CENTERS IN Ohio: Many centers require appointments, so call first!

- Cleveland SCORE:
  - http://www.cleveland.scorechapter.org/contact_us.html
  - 1350 Euclid Avenue, Ste 216 Cleveland, OH 44115 216/522-4194

- Columbus SCORE:
  - http://www.scorecolumbus.org/
  - 401 N. Front St. Suite 200 Columbus, OH 43215 614/469-6860
business, creating a business plan, getting financed, etc.). The website includes great resources (in both English and Spanish) for small business people, with specific help for minorities, women, and youth.

**ONLINE HELP:**

- **Making Cents Business Simulation Course**
  [http://www.makingcents.com](http://www.makingcents.com)
  This free course takes place over a period of four or five weeks, one evening a week. In the course, you will deal with real-life problems that come up in starting and managing an imaginary business.

- **Business Start Up Kit**  [http://www.sba.gov/teens](http://www.sba.gov/teens)
  This is a government site designed for young people starting their first businesses. The business start up kit will help you think through the steps of starting a business.

  Access this 44 page guide for free. This Guide provides info about starting a small business, understanding regulations and government requirements, financing your business, lists of lenders, and much more! Check out the site or call 614/469-6860.
OHIO Small Business Centers (OSBC) offer: individual business counseling AND help with: financial planning, developing business plans, finding business training opportunities and more. (CALL AHEAD for more info or to schedule an appointment.) Go to: www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbdc/sbdclocator/SBDC_LOCATOR.html.

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SECTION THREE: SERVING AND EXPLORING

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are many programs that provide you the experience to serve your community and country. A few are listed below.

**AmeriCorps Programs:** [http://www.AmeriCorps.org](http://www.AmeriCorps.org)

Do you see yourself being a hero for your country? If so, one way is to become a member of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is a civilian organization that provides many opportunities to serve while you are learning skills and earning money for college.

There are literally thousands of AmeriCorps options, many of them right near you. According to AmeriCorps website, there are 167 programs in Ohio. The benefits are the same whether you are tutoring kids in the city or building hiking trails in the wilderness, so take the time to find a program that will utilize your talents and skills. Many nonprofits have at least one or two AmeriCorps paid service opportunities, so don’t restrict your search to the biggest AmeriCorps programs. Ask a local organization that you like if they have an AmeriCorps slot, search the website at [http://www.americorps.org/for_individuals/ready/find.asp](http://www.americorps.org/for_individuals/ready/find.asp), or call 800/942-2677.

**Requirements:**
US citizen or legal resident; at least 17 years old, requirements vary by program

**Pay:**
Modest living allowance, $4,725 Education award after completion of program, which can be used for up to seven years after your term of service ends to help pay for higher education or pay off student loans; defer student loans.

**AmeriCorps*National Civilian Conservation Corp (NCCC)**
[http://www.americorps.org/about/programs/nccc.asp](http://www.americorps.org/about/programs/nccc.asp)

**Who:** Young adults (ages 18-24) who are committed to 1700 hours of service; US citizen or legal resident; additional requirements may be required by each program.

**What:** AmeriCorps*NCCC is a residential, team-based, national service initiative that engages young adults ages 18 to 24 in full-time service. Members perform team-based service projects in: environment, education, public safety, unmet needs, homeland security, and disaster relief

**Pay:** Member receive a living allowance of approximately $4,000 for the 10 months of service (about $200 every two weeks before taxes), housing, meals, limited medical benefits, up to $400 a month for childcare (if necessary), member uniforms and an education award of $4,725 upon successful completion of the program. (Members may receive money to help with childcare expense; however, children MAY NOT live on campus.)
Are you interested in taking a year off between high school and college or your career to travel, work, or just have an adventure? Check out the following sites for some ideas!

Outward Bound Wilderness: www.outwardboundwilderness.org
If you want exciting, challenging, and hands-on program in the wilderness, Outward Bound may be for you. Students of all ages develop self-reliance, responsibility, teamwork, confidence and compassion, as well as environmental and community stewardship.

LEAPYear: www.leapnow.org
A nine-month program for 17-20 year-olds, this program includes: a three-month semester of language, service in Central or South America; a solo internship in Latin America or Spain; a formal Rite of Passage; and a curriculum of Life Skills Learning held in the U.S.

City Year: http://www.cityyear.org/sites/cleveland
Who: Young people (ages 17-24) who are committed to serve at least 1700 hours over a ten-month period.
What: A full time volunteer experience in an urban setting working with children.
Requirements: If you do not have a high school diploma, you will be required to enroll in a GED program.
Pay: $4000 living allowance for the year; $4725 post-service education award, basic healthcare coverage.
Where: City Year Cleveland
1132 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115
216/574-2677

Public Allies (part of AmeriCorp)
www.publicallies.org
513/559-1300
Who: Youth (aged 18-30) who are US citizen or legal permanent residents and have a high school diploma or GED and are committed to strengthening communities.
What: An AmeriCorp program dedicated to strengthening community through economic justice, youth development,

AFSC Great Lakes Region: Making the Connection
community development, and more.

**Description:** A 10-month program of leadership training, team service, and paid, professional internships in community nonprofit organizations.

**Pay:** A monthly stipend of about $1,350, health insurance, childcare, interest-free student loan deferment, and a post-service education award of $4,725.

**Where:** Public Allies Cincinnati 2905 Burnet Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

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**SERVING AND LEARNING: INTERNSHIPS**

**Five Rivers Metro Parks: MC**  
www.metroparks.org  
1375 East Siebenthaler Avenue Dayton, Ohio 45414  
937/278-8849

These internships are especially suitable for individuals majoring in or considering careers in outdoor education, interpretation, natural history, horticulture, or living history. Updated information regarding opportunities can be found at the website listed.

**Green Energy Ohio: FC**  
geo@greenenergyohio.org  
7870 Olentangy River Road Suite 209  
Columbus, Ohio 43235  
614/985-6131  
SW Ohio Contact: John Fanselow (513) 293-3241

Have several opportunities for unpaid internships/work experience. They are looking for several individuals to assist staff members with; statewide programming, Solar Programming, Outreach Education, Web Design, Publications, Writing, Publishing, Data Entry, and other office duties.

**LifeCare Alliance: FC**  
www.lifecarealliance.org  
1699 West Mound Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43223  
614/278-3130
Student Internships at LifeCare Alliance offers direct contact with care recipients. Students will learn first hand the needs of older adults, gain knowledge of the social service networks, and utilize the advocacy programs necessary for caring for older adults. A variety of internship placements are available for faculty and students to select. Contact for more information.

Ohio Community Service Council: FC
www.serveohio.org
51 North High Street Suite 800        Columbus, Ohio  43215
614/728-2916
Opportunities for Volunteer service, Internships, Service Scholarships, and Youth Grantmaking Programs. Gain knowledge and leadership skills working in your community for your community.
**SECTION FOUR: RESOURCES**

**GETTING STARTED:**

- **Career One Stop:** [http://www.careeronestop.org/](http://www.careeronestop.org/)

In addition to info about exploring careers and finding (and paying for schools), this site has good info on writing a resume and cover letter and interviewing for a job. You can even get a template for your resume!

**JOB SEARCH WEBSITES:**

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**YMCA of Greater Dayton: MC**

111 West First Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
(937) 223-5201  
[www.ymcaonline.org](http://www.ymcaonline.org)

YMCA offers multiple seasonal positions as well as part time and full time long term positions. For a complete listing of available jobs check the listed website.

**Montgomery County Department of Public Works: MC**

451 W Third Street  
P.O. Box 972  
Dayton, Ohio 45422  
(937) 496-7165  
[www.mciohio.org](http://www.mciohio.org)

Park Department has multiple seasonal positions available for camp counselors. Pay starts at $10.00 per hour.

**Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

[www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/career/summer.htm](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/career/summer.htm)

The Division of Parks and Recreation offers positions in state parks throughout the state of Ohio. The duration of employment varies but it can extend from April-October. Contact the park of choice or go to the online resource for a complete listing of available positions, Ohio parks, and contacts.
**CONTACTING THE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS DOCUMENT**

Schools/Programs Listed in the FOCUS ON HEALTHCARE (13-14) and TRAINING BY INDUSTRY (15) charts have contact information below. All other schools/organization tell you what page/s to find the contact information. Organizations that are only available online are not included.

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<td>2100 Morse Road Columbus, OH 43229</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.brownaveda.com">www.brownaveda.com</a></td>
<td>19336 Detroit Road Rocky River, OH 44116</td>
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<td>2469 Stelzer Road Columbus, OH 614/416-6200</td>
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<td>Cincinnati, OH 45215</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.kcma.edu">www.kcma.edu</a> 3737 Southern Blvd. Kettering, Ohio 45429 800/433-KCMA</td>
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Montgomery County Scholarship Program
MVCTC: Miami Valley Career Technology Center
MVCTC.com/ 6800 Hoke Road Clayton, OH 45315 937-837-7781
NIT: National Institute of Technology
MVCTC.com
NC-Ci: National College Cincinnati
MVCTC.com 6871 Steger Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45237 513/761-1291
NC-D: National College Dayton
MVCTC.com 1837 Woodman Center Dr Kettering, OH 45420 937/299-9450
Ohio Association of Community Colleges
Ohio Board of Regents
Ohio College Access Network
Ohio Community Service Counsel
Ohio Labor Market Info Classic
Ohio Operating Engineers Training Center
Ohio Small Business Administration
Ohio Small Business Centers
Ohio State Apprenticeship Counsel
Ohio Statewide Job Matching System (SCOTI)
Ohio Workforce 411
Ohio Workforce Informer
OIC: Ohio Institute of Health Careers
MVCTC.com 1880 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43229 800-954-4274
OIPT: Ohio Institute of Photography and Technology
MVCTC.com 2029 Edgefield Rd Dayton, OH 45439 800/932-9698
One Stop Centers
OSU: Ohio State University: FC
MVCTC.com 43210 614/292-6446
OSSC: Ohio State School of Cosmetology
MVCTC.com www.Salonschools.com
South: 3717 South High Street Columbus, OH 43207 614/252-5252
North: 4390 Karl Road Columbus, OH 43224 614/252-5252
Outward Bound
PCC: Polaris Career Center
MVCTC.com 7285 Old Oak Blvd. Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 440-891-7600
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<td>201 E Second Street Franklin, OH 45005</td>
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<td>Teach for America</td>
<td>Institute</td>
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<td>UP-CI: University of Phoenix-Cleveland</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.xu.edu/">http://www.xu.edu/</a></td>
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### HOUSING RESOURCES

**Customer Credit Counseling Service of the Midwest**

www.cccservices.com  
**FC:** 314 N. Wilson Rd  
Columbus, Ohio 43204  
800/355-2227  
**HC:** 9545 Kenwood Rd  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242  
513/366-4500  

Homebuyer Education Programs, Renters Assistance, Services for Homeless, Outreach Initiatives, Money/Debt Management, Mortgage delinquency & default resolution, are some of the services offered at this organization.

- **Coalition of Homelessness and Housing in Ohio – FC**
  
www.cohhio.org  
175 S. Third Street, Ste 250  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614/280-1984  
**Contact:** Nick Bates  
COHHIO’s programs are driven by a single goal-to improve the lives of homeless and low-income people across Ohio. This organization works on several aspects, from engaging voters to empowering homeless youth to providing technical assistance to the homeless and educating tenants on their rights. The YEP program supports the youth and young adults in the Columbus region. For more information about this and additional programs, visit the website.

- **Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority – FC**
  
www.cmhanet.com  
800 East 11th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211  
614/421-6000

### Public Services

- **Cincinnati/Hamilton County Community Action**
  
Agency – HC  
www.cincy-caa.org  
1740 Langdon Farm Rd  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237  
513/569-1840  

Services include: Head Start Program, Weatherization, Housing, Workforce Development, and many other resources.

- **Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area – MC**
  
www.cap-dayton.org  
719 S. Main St  
Dayton, Ohio 45414  
937/341-5000  

Serves Darke, Greene, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren counties. Services include: emergency services for families in need of food, clothing, shelter, and help paying water bills.

- **Columbus Metropolitan Area Community Action Organization – FC**
  
www.cmacao.org  
700 Bryden Rd  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614/324-5100  

- **Lighthouse Youth Services – HC**
  
www.lys.org  
1501 Madison Rd  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206  
513/221-3350  
**Contact:** Thad Parker  
This is an incredible organization that provides many different resources for youth up to the age of 25. For more information, visit the website.

- **Maryhaven – FC**
  
www.maryhaven.com  
1791 Alum Creek Dr.  
Columbus, Ohio 43207  
614/445-8131  

Maryhaven serves adolescents ages 12-18 who are struggling with alcohol or drug
This organization serves the community by helping residents access affordable housing.

- **Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority** - CC
  
  [http://www.cmha.net/index.aspx](http://www.cmha.net/index.aspx)
  
  (216) 348-5911
  
  The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) owns and manages property and administers rent subsidy programs to provide eligible low-income persons good, safe, affordable housing. CMHA maintains an accredited police department to ensure safe places to live and work, and a social services department that develops programs to enhance the quality of life of its residents.

### HOUSING RESOURCES CONT.

- **Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati** - HC
  
  [www.hometoday.cc](http://www.hometoday.cc)
  
  2820 Vernon Place
  
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
  
  513/961-2800 ext.24
  
  Contact: Patricia
  
  This organization offers fair housing assistance, home improvement and rehabilitation counseling, homebuyer education program, loss mitigation, mobility and relocation counseling, renters' assistance, and services for homeless.

- **Homestart Inc.** - MC
  
  40 W. Fourth Street, Ste 1600 Dayton, Ohio 45402
  
  937/225-6328
  
  Contacts: Stephanie Evans: Home Rehabilitation Specialist and Money Smart Trainer
  
  Homestart offers emergency assistance services for urgent repairs, Money mentoring program for credit counseling, budgeting, understanding financial terminology, and free seminars for host organizations. Services are available for a one-time fee. Singles are 35.00 and Couples 45.00.

- **Miami Valley Fair Housing** - MC
  
  21-23 East Babbit Street
  
  Dayton, Ohio 45405
  
  937/223-6035
  
  Contact: Individual varies depending on incident. Miami Valley Fair Housing works to eliminate housing discrimination. If you feel you have been discriminated against, for any reason, contact a representative for help.

### FOOD AND CLOTHING RESOURCES

- **Clothes that Work** - MC
  
  [www.clothesthatwork.org](http://www.clothesthatwork.org)
  
  1133 S Edwin C Moses Blvd. #110 Dayton, Ohio 45408
  
  937/222-3778
  
  “Clothes that Work” provides professional interview and work appropriate clothing, and related services, to men, women, and independent teens preparing for self reliance.

- **Gladden Community House** - FC
  
  318 S. Glenwood Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43223
  
  614/228-2498
  
  Offers 3 day supply of emergency food.
  
  Vegetables Mon, Wed, and Friday. Bread available Mon-Friday.
  
  Hours are 10:30-3:00

- **House of Bread** - MC
  
  [www.houseofbread.org](http://www.houseofbread.org)
  
  9 Orth Ave. Dayton, Ohio 45402
  
  937/226-1520
  
  Serves hot free lunches to anyone in need.
  
  Serves breakfast/brunch the second, third, and fourth Saturday of each month.

- **Over the Rhine Community Housing** - HC
  
  [www.otrch.org](http://www.otrch.org)
  
  114 W 14th Street
• Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Service  
  [http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm](http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm)  
  614/466-4815

• The Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority – MC  
  400 Wayne Ave  Dayton, Ohio 45410  
  937/222-3642  
  DMHA has rental assistance programs and housing available for clients who fall into set income brackets.

• The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless – HC  
  [www.cincihomeless.org](http://www.cincihomeless.org)  
  117 East 12th Street  
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
  513/421-7803  
  Contact: John Lavelle  
  This facility does not give direct service, but can provide contact information for area organizations that provide emergency shelter, permanent housing, soup kitchens, mental health services, educational and counseling programs, and advocacy programs among others.

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| **In My Back Yard– Department of Environmental Health – University of Cincinnati College of Medicine– HC**  
  [www.eh.uc.edu/imby](http://www.eh.uc.edu/imby)  
  PO Box 670056  
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45267  
  513/558-0854  
  This is a community health and environment research center. Provides information regarding area resources and forums to discuss these issues. |
| **Stonewall Columbus– FC**  
  [www.stonewallcolumbus.org](http://www.stonewallcolumbus.org) |
Questions for Military Recruiters

1. How long is my enlistment commitment actually for?
2. Can the armed forces make me stay longer than what I have contracted for?
3. Do I get paid more money for staying longer than my contract stipulates?
4. Do I have any say in where I go, and how long I'm there for?
5. How much does a newly enlisted service member get paid per week?
6. Am I guaranteed the ability to go to college if I want to?
7. Can I do a job I want to do in this branch, or am I assigned one?
8. If I change my mind about being in this branch can I resign?
9. What will happen to me if I decide I don't want to be involved in the military after I enlist?
10. What are the most dangerous military jobs?
11. Will the skills I learn in the military be useful in civilian life?
12. What are the negative aspects of my training?
13. What do I do if an officer gives me a command that I believe is illegal?
14. What is post-traumatic stress disorder?
15. Will I receive any compensation if I am permanently disabled in war?
16. Have you ever seen combat and do you think exposure to it is healthy for me?
17. Will I be deployed to the Middle East?

American Friends Service Committee

National Youth & Militarism Program
1501 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-241-7176
youthmil@afsc.org
www.youth4peace.org
http://www.myspace.com/youthandmilitarismafsc
Answers Military Recruiters Should Give You

1 Your enlistment period will last 8 years. Some portion will be active duty and some portion will be on reserve duty. Reserve duty can be made active.

2 Yes, the military has the right to change your contract and extend your service longer than you agreed to.

3 No, unless you receive a promotion your pay scale stays the same, but if you are in a combat related job you can receive “combat pay”.

4 No, the military determines where you go and how long you are there. You do have the right to request transfers to different units, but there is never a guarantee that your request will be granted.

5 A new service member who is not an officer can be paid between $13,000 and $14,500 a year. An average is about $280.00 a week with an average work week of 80 hours. ($3.39 an hour)

6 If you are on active duty you are not guaranteed the ability to go to school when you want to. Your commanding officer must give their permission. You also might be deployed to a combat area for more than 16 months at a time making courses, even online courses, tough to complete.

7 Your job assignment is based on your ASVAB score. If your ASVAB score is too low or you flunk out of your job training you will not get that job and could be reassigned.

8 Only an officer can resign. Enlisted members must serve their term or face harsh penalties. Voluntary discharges can happen, but are rare.

9 You could put up with it, or risk being court-martialed, receiving a dishonorable discharge, spending time in a military jail, or getting a demotion and reduction in pay. You may also become ineligible for some civilian jobs if this happens.

10 In a war zone, there is no job that is safe. Many service members, whose jobs were transportation related, have been killed and injured in Iraq, but infantry related positions are among the most dangerous traditionally.

11 It depends on what your job specialty is. Much of what you will learn to do in the military will only relate to military jobs and not civilian jobs.

12 Studies have shown that those who are trained to kill and deal with the stress of warfare have the tendency to develop emotional and psychological health problems.

13 Military training is designed to mold service members who respond to orders without thinking. Of course, if you believe an order is unlawful you have an obligation to refuse to act upon it. If the lines are blurred, most will just obey. Those who refuse, if the order is illegal, could still face penalties.

14 PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) is a severe mental health affliction that develops when one experiences or witnesses a traumatic event, such as combat or the effects of combat. Flashbacks, nightmares, depression, and inability to think straight are some of the symptoms of PTSD.

15 Yes, you can receive compensation if you are disabled but the payment will be based on your actual disability. The military rating system for measuring disabilities and calculating disability payment has long been thought to be unfair. A person who is blinded may only get a 50% disability rating for instance.

16 Any recruiter who tells you that experiencing combat is healthy must not be aware of the thousands of war veterans who are suffering from PTSD, surviving without arms or legs, or whose quality of life will never be what it was before they witnessed combat.

17 Nearly every job is a “deployable” job. If you enlist in the Reserves or the National Guard there is a very good chance that you will be deployed to the Middle East rather than serving weekend duty stateside. Active duty enlees should also be prepared to deploy. Forces are stretched thin and therefore new recruits should always be prepared to go to war.