

70-80%
of students
work while
getting
their
degree

CHECKLIST TO A DEBT-FREE DEGREE

BEFORE CHOOSING A SCHOOL, CONSIDER:

- ▶ The net price of your school of choice
- ▶ Expenses beyond tuition (Housing, Food, Books, etc.)
- ▶ Tuition Payment Plans

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

✓ Work Study

A federal program to earn money through working at school or public agency, allowing you to earn up to the fixed amount of your financial aid award money

✓ Internships

Temporary, usually part-time position offered by companies to give real career experience in your chosen field of study

✓ Co-Ops

Partnerships between schools and employers allowing you to receive paid, on the job training within your chosen field for semesters at a time instead of taking classes

✓ Traditional Jobs

Full- or part-time work is available almost anywhere, in any field. Restaurants, retail, and baby-, pet-, or house-sitting, are among the most popular traditional job fields

✓ Freelancing

If you have a specific skill (graphic design, editing, social media, etc.) there is flexibility in working from home or at unusual hours to accommodate class schedules

✓ School Employment

Working on campus can be an ideal option to save time staying on campus instead of commuting to another location and can be flexible around class schedules. Many schools also offer extensive discounts to school employees, allowing you to save money while earning money.

FINDING JOBS:

✓ School Resources

Head to your school's career center or online career site for job listings, resume and cover letter assistance, career-fair sessions, recruiting, and more

✓ Career Events

Most schools host job and internship fairs throughout the year for companies and organizations to seek out new employees. You can meet face-to-face with a potential future employer right at your school

✓ Next-Level Jobs

Use a trade-school certification, pre-college credit, or specialized training to find jobs using skills you're already qualified for

✓ Networking

There are a variety of websites and networking groups to meet people who can potentially open doors to your next employer. LinkedIn is the most popular networking site

✓ Online Resources

Use your school's library or personal computer to search multiple job listing sites. Wayup.com and Collegerecruiter.com specifically cater to college students looking for jobs

2 in 5 students
work 30+ hours a week
on the job
while in school