The More You Learn, the More You Earn!

Earn more than an extra quarter million dollars in your lifetime just by staying in high school and graduating. Think twice before dropping out.

Dollar Amounts = Average Annual Salary.
The nationwide poverty level for 2016 is:

- $11,880 for an individual
- $24,300 for a family of 4

### Average earnings for all U.S. workers

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| Professional Degree (2-8 years beyond Bachelor’s) | $90,740 | $1,745 | $43.63 | Attorney, Physical Therapist, Medical Doctor  
**Hot Career:** Audiologist |
| Doctoral Degree (3-5 years beyond Bachelor’s) | $86,528 | $1,664 | $41.60 | Medical Scientist, Psychologist, University Professor  
**Hot Career:** Biochemist |
| Master’s Degree (2-3 years beyond Bachelor’s) | $71,760 | $1,380 | $34.50 | Financial Analyst, Physician Asst., School Counselor  
**Hot Career:** Healthcare Social Worker |
| Bachelor’s Degree (4 years beyond High School) | $60,112 | $1,156 | $28.90 | Systems Analyst, Registered Nurse, Journalist  
**Hot Career:** Database Administrator |
| Associate Degree (2-3 years beyond High School) | $42,588 | $819  | $20.48 | Dental Hygienist, Electrician, Police Officer  
**Hot Career:** Medical Equipment Repairer |
| Some College, No Degree | $39,312 | $756  | $18.90 | Chef, Locksmith, Teacher Aide  
**Hot Career:** Paramedic |
| High School Diploma | $35,984 | $692  | $17.30 | Retail Sales, Home Care Aide, Truck Driver  
**Hot Career:** Bicycle Repairer |
| No High School Diploma | $26,208 | $504  | $12.60 | Cashier, Fast Food, Laborer  
**Hot Career:** Construction helpers |

### ARE YOU THINKING OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL?

In addition to losing out on money, dropping out could affect you for the rest of your life. Students who drop out are more likely to face hardships such as:

- Unemployment
- Low Wages
- Homelessness
- Single Parenthood
- Layoffs
- Poverty
- Health Issues
- Trouble with the law

### STILL UNSURE?

Talk with a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, minister, friend, or anyone else you can trust to help you make the best decision for you.