

## Why I Want To Go To College

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I want to go to college so I can get a better education in the future. Many people who go to college and get that higher education tend to have, simply put, much better jobs. College can get the ball rolling for your future because those with a college degree will generally get a much better job than those that have high school degrees. Many of our higher paid workers will get paid more because of the extra time and money put into getting a better education, and with this they know more and are better at their jobs to help the future generation.

Another reason that I want to go to college is because it is expected of me by my parents, and even grandparents, all of whom went to college and now are working with a good life and family. When my dad was young, he was never given the choice of whether or not to go to college, he was simply told that he was going, and he knew that this would be a good way to get the job that he wanted and not get stuck in a sad hole of self pity rolling burritos at a fast food restaurant because he decided not to go to college. He knows today that while the job he chose, that he felt was right for him, may not be the best paying one, he can still have fun because this was the plan all along. His plan was to be happy with his wife and kids even if there was little money coming in on his behalf. My mom on the other hand was also expected to go to college, even when she was very little. She went to college, originally to be a teacher, and that worked for a while before she was recruited into a business called Lincoln Financial. If I am going to be honest, I'm not sure what she does but I do know that both she and my dad like doing what they do. If they didn't, they wouldn't have even gone to college in the first place.

A lot of colleges will help you to figure out what you are specifically good at and how you can achieve your dreams. My dad told me a story about a college friend of his, we'll call her

“Betty.” Anyway, she went to college trying classes and still a little bit confused on what to do with her life. After her third year in college, “Betty” finally decided what to major in and what job she planned to have in the future. In the end, she ended up doing quite well in that. The moral of that little story about “Betty” was that even though she went into college completely lost and confused, she eventually figured it out. That is why college is so great. No matter how you feel about your future, college classes can help you figure it out and decide what your strengths and weaknesses are. If you go to college with a plan, things might simply click, or you will have to dodge obstacles that are thrown your way. My sister, who is now in college, had to deal with her own problems, and let me tell you, there were a lot. When she first started college, she wanted to be a nurse for both languages of English and Spanish. In her first semester, the Spanish classes were not challenging enough. This led to her having to contact my parents and get help changing her classes so they were better fitted for her skill level. Even social problems could be solved through college. The same sister I was talking about earlier, also was going to a college that was not close to home. This led to her having very little social interaction and made her sad and uncomfortable. To solve this, she joined a sorority group at her college to make friends with other freshman and even higher grade levels.

Marc Anthony said, “If you love what you do, then you will never work a day in your life.” This spoke to me when writing this essay because I want to find a job like this. I don't know what I want to do yet but when I choose, I know it will be the right decision. I know that when I get to this place in my life, college can help me to achieve those goals.