Ideas for Big Next Steps

Community colleges offer two-year programs. You can earn an associate degree for programs such as computer-aided design, electrical technology, applied science, engineering technology, dental hygiene, nursing, electronics, and more.

Colleges or **universities** offer four-year programs. You can earn a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, computer science, materials science, wireless engineering, aerospace studies, and much more.

Trade, or **technical, schools** offer training and hands-on experience for specific jobs or skills such as aircraft maintenance, radiology, carpentry, and home inspection. You can earn a diploma or certificate or prep for a licensing exam.

Internships or **apprenticeships** provide firsthand experience to strengthen job-related skills and networks before going into a career full-time.

Freelance work allows you to work for yourself, take control of your own work experiences, and grow your skills and portfolio.

Other Ideas for Next Steps

- Connect with professionals and experts.
- Take a class, workshop, or online course.
- Join a club at school or volunteer in your community.
- Watch videos to learn a new skill.
- Attend and ask questions at a local job fair.
- Start applications for a program.
- Learn more with Girl Scouts.