

# CAREER CHAT!

After Graduation...  
Then **What?? THIS ??**



Career Investigation  
Information and Resources

or **THIS????**

## Things to Consider When Exploring Careers:

1. **What careers relate to your interests and what you love to do?**  
*Career Interest Surveys Naviance*
2. **\$Salary potential.** *Onetonline.org; Naviance*
3. **Job outlook or job growth** for favored careers. *Onetonline.org. ; Naviance*
4. **Reaching my career goal: Where do I go? What colleges and universities provide education needed to reach career goals? What will it cost?**  
*College research via college websites*

## Online Resources:

### Career and Post-Secondary Research

-[www.naviance.com](http://www.naviance.com)

Career interest surveys, career information, colleges, college costs, scholarships and money, videos regarding careers and general interests and more.

-[Texasgenuine.org](http://Texasgenuine.org)

Career interest survey, career cluster information that provide specific career survey results. Includes salary range (in Texas) and education required with links to colleges providing post-secondary education in those areas. Links are also provided to Texas Reality Check, College for All Texans, Generation TX, Apply Texas and Financial Aid (FAFSA).

-[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

Comprehensive career information, including interest surveys, salary potential and job outlook by state and region.

-[www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org)

Also part of [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) .Comprehensive career information, including interest surveys.

-[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

Comprehensive career information, including interest surveys, post-secondary education and training required and colleges that provide those programs.

-<https://texascareercheck.com/>

A wealth of resources including an interest profiler survey, salary potential of your careers of interest (and many more) and projected job openings, access to information about post-secondary education, side-by-side school comparison feature, financial aid resources and much more!

### **-www.texasrealitycheck.com**

A different approach to the interest surveys! In this survey, you will “buy stuff” for a sample month (car, housing, technology, entertainment, food, insurance, utilities, etc.). The cost for a year is determined. A list of careers with salaries that match is generated.

### **-www.16personalities.com**

Personality style survey. Use the results to discover careers that relate to your personality style, along with other useful information.

- What are your ideas about careers in the future?
- Learn about SBISD career investigation opportunities through electives, and career prep internship programs. Plan ahead to free up space for more career focus electives and internships. (Summer school, SBISD Virtual Academy, Texas Tech ISD online HS courses)

Participate in summer career camps (Universities, sports camps, etc., that offer exposure to your career fields of interest. Google summer career camps for many others.)

- Participate in summer jobs in career areas of interest
- Volunteer in career area businesses or industries that reflect your career interests.

## **Benefits of investigating careers while in high school (even earlier):**

1. Find your career or career cluster focus
2. National professional certification opportunities
3. Early knowledge of education requirements to reach your career goal.
4. College selection process driven by your career focus.
5. Incorporate career focus experiences in college applications/essays.
6. Establish business and industry connections through networking
7. Learning how to learn...Learning where to turn...Learning where to earn.

## **What do career providers want?**

Research online the career / employment sections of top companies and industries related to your careers of interest. Check their job descriptions and what they require of prospective employees.

Example: 3D Computer Animator

Industrial Light and Magic <https://jobs.lucasfilm.com/>

Pixar <http://www.pixar.com/careers>

(Some may also post names of colleges from which they have hired graduates for their positions.)

Find out what they want, then see what colleges provide that!

## **Paying for College Resources: Financial Aid for College**

www.fastweb.com-Scholarship search website.

[www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com) – a great resource that provides a great wealth of information for college bound students!

FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid for College!

Set up personal ID and password, and obtain information regarding types of financial aid available through the US government, and steps to take to obtain it. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>



## **Want more information and assistance?**

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