

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Going to college, getting a job, or taking time off are common choices teens face. Figuring out which path to take can be both overwhelming and discouraging at times. While 84% of high school students want to go to college, 50% of them feel unprepared to do so. Our goal with the Next Step...Success program is to help students navigate these decisions so they pick the path that is best suited for them and sets them up to be the most successful.

Students will be able to:

- Understand common costs associated with college and how FAFSA can lower those costs
- Be able to research expected starting salaries when choosing a college and major
- Identify potential benefits of choosing a path other than college
- Understand the potential benefits and downfalls of entrepreneurship
- Identify costs associated with living independently
- Decide if their current interests can translate into a career

What students are saying:

"The activity was fun and I have some ideas for my future now because of it. Anything might happen and you should be prepared for it."

-Gabrielle

"Definitely gotta consider finding ways to save money and hope that I can get into a college that is in-state."

-Mike

"I really enjoyed the way the concepts were taught, since they were very easy to understand. I also enjoyed the games, since it was like a stimulation of what could happen in the real world."

-JoAnn

"I really enjoyed playing the games and being able to interact. Most presentations you just sit and listen, but being able to answer questions really made it fun and made me want to listen and learn."