



Opportunity Pathways

Education Should Be Within Reach

A Message to Students

You do not need to come from wealth to build a meaningful future.

Take one step. Apply for one opportunity. Learn one new skill. Keep moving forward.

Opportunity belongs to hardworking people too.

Hardworking students should not be locked out of opportunity because of financial limitations.

This page shares affordable, tuition-free, work-study, certification, apprenticeship, and online learning opportunities for students determined to build a better future.

Tuition-Free & Work Colleges

Berea College

- Tuition Promise program
- Work-study campus model
- Berea, Kentucky
- <https://www.berea.edu>

Warren Wilson College

- Work-learning program
- Asheville, North Carolina
- <https://www.warren-wilson.edu>

College of the Ozarks

- Student work program
- Point Lookout, Missouri
- <https://www.cofo.edu>

Alice Lloyd College

- Appalachian region service area
- Work-study focused
- <https://www.alc.edu>

Webb Institute

- Full-tuition scholarships
- Engineering focused
- <https://www.webb.edu>

Free Online Learning

MIT OpenCourseWare

<https://ocw.mit.edu>

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Coursera Free Courses

<https://www.coursera.org>

edX

<https://www.edx.org>

Harvard Online Free Courses

<https://pll.harvard.edu/catalog/free>

Stanford Online

<https://online.stanford.edu>

Free Career Certificates

Google Career Certificates

<https://grow.google/certificates>

IBM SkillsBuild

<https://skillsbuild.org>

Microsoft Learn

<https://learn.microsoft.com>

AWS Skill Builder

<https://explore.skillbuilder.aws>

Cisco Networking Academy

<https://www.netacad.com>

Salesforce Trailhead

<https://trailhead.salesforce.com>

Apprenticeships & Skilled Trades

Apprenticeship.gov

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov>

Job Corps

Free career and technical training for young adults. <https://www.jobcorps.gov>

Local Community Colleges

Many offer low-cost technical certifications and workforce training.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov>

Pell Grants

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>

Fastweb Scholarships

<https://www.fastweb.com>

Scholarships.com

<https://www.scholarships.com>

Service & Education Programs

AmeriCorps

<https://americorps.gov>

ROTC Scholarships

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com>

National Guard Education Benefits

<https://www.nationalguard.com/education>

International Government Training Programs

United States

<https://www.careeronestop.org>

<https://www.jobcorps.gov>

Canada

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca>

United Kingdom

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

India

<https://www.skillindia.gov.in>

Universities and organizations

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

<https://alison.com>

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn>

<https://www.skillshare.com>

<https://www.linkedin.com/learning>