

SCARLETT FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

Business Major? Begin your Scholarship Application today!

Deadline to apply is December 15th

Attention high school seniors and business majors!

The SFF scholarship is based on merit and financial need and is a renewable award which may be used at any 4-year school. Eligible students must have graduated high school from a [middle-TN county](#).

Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors in college are all eligible to apply. Please visit our [scholarship page](#) for details and to begin your application today.

The essay question: Why do you want to be a business leader?



4 Wise Ways to Spend the Last Winter Break of High School

Winter break during senior year of high school can be a stressful and emotional time, as graduation and the start of college loom. Students may be dealing with pressure to choose a school, second-guessing early decision applications or feeling sad that time with family and friends is winding down.

- 1. Start practicing responsibilities:** While some may just want to spend winter break sleeping in and relaxing, it might behoove teens to begin taking on some household tasks.
- 2. Learn more about yourself:** For students undecided about a major, winter break can be an opportunity to explore their interests.
- 3. Make more campus visits:** Whether you have decided on a school or not, this is an opportune time to go on more campus visits.
- 4. Enjoy quality time at home:** Most students agree students should take advantage of time at home with family and friends while they still can. Students don't realize how important family is until they've moved away.

Read the entire article at [U.S. News and World Report](#).

Fall Deadlines

ACT:
Next test 2/7/15
Register by 1/9/15

SAT:
Next test 1/24/15
Register by 12/29/14

Please share our newsletter

Information about college can be life-changing!

Help us reach as many students, families, guidance/college/career counselors in our 40 middle-TN counties as possible!



Four year college not for every Tennessean

Encourage career exploration

By Joe Scarlett

Today not all career paths start at University Trailhead. While "follow your dreams" may sound like good advice, it does not provide enough concrete guidance for working in today's competitive marketplace. Instead of solely focusing on a college education, parents and teachers can provide kids and students the greatest service by opening up a conversation around different avenues that can lead to skilled and well-salaried jobs.

Four-year college is still the right choice for many. Two-year college or trade school may work best for students with other skill sets or narrowly focused interests. The key is to help the next generation focus on occupations that will lead to financial independence first, and then help them acquire matching education.

Beginning with the Class of 2015, the Tennessee Promise also is helping this cause. It offers two years of tuition-free community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates. Students will be paired with a partnering organization serving their home county and will be provided a mentor who will support them during the college application process.

By thinking outside the college box, we quickly see that plenty of respectable, good-paying jobs that don't require a four-year degree are going unfilled. For some, trade school and an apprenticeship or two years of focused training are all that's required before moving into the workforce full time. Here are some of these work scenarios worth considering:

Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

A College Education is NOT Job Training: So What Do I Want to Do?

7 Tips to Help Find a College Major and a Career

By Michael Peacock

It's the lucky few that wake up one day with a clear vision of the future and what it will take to make it happen. Choosing a career can be overwhelming, and it can make deciding on a college major seem impossible. Not knowing what we want to do makes knowing how to do it almost irrelevant.

There's a lot to consider...What am I good at? What are my options? What are my salary expectations? What if I get tired of it?

Some career choices require commitment to a clearly defined path—e.g., if you want to be a doctor, you have to get a four-year degree (probably Pre-Med or biology) you do four years of medical school, then complete an internship and then a residency—but the vast majority of options do not.

The best strategy for an upcoming freshman is to determine interests and aptitudes, match those with fields of interest, match those with jobs of interest, then select a major that is practical enough to land the kind of job you want, but flexible enough to allow your career to evolve as you grow and the world changes.

Easier said than done, right? Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

Careers!

Students: What are your interests?



Before you declare a college major, before you decide 2-year or 4-year path, understand your interests and what careers you are best suited for.

At [CollegeForTn.org](#) you can learn about yourself in many different ways. Explore how you are a match for certain careers by using one or all of the [career assessments](#) available.

Take advantage of quality career exploration tools.

Career Finder – Search for careers using interesting topics like salaries, skills, and interests to name just a few.

Compare Careers – Pick two careers that interest you and compare them side by side.

Career Plan Builder – Mix and match your career and life options to create your future.

Check out the [hot jobs in Tennessee](#) forecast through 2020.

Featured Resource

CareerOneStop



Check out [CareerOneStop](#), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. Here you can explore industries or occupations to plan your future.

Wondering what the difference is between an industry and an occupation? The site answers this question and many more. Take a look and see what careers fit you best!

Scholarship Resources

Visit our [resources](#) page to see a list of scholarship search engines. Students are encouraged to build a profile on 2-3 search sites to maximize their exposure to the most scholarships.