What do you want to be?

Business, Organization



Do you see yourself as the next great American inventor? Maybe you're thinking about becoming a lawyer, an architect, a filmmaker or a photographer. There are as manycareeroptions out there as there are stars in the sky, so when it comes to your future — think big! You may change your mind about a career as you get older, but it's important to have information about all types of careers as early in life as possible. Whatever you want to do, educationbeyond high school can help you make the most of your life.

You can find information on all types of careers, and the education and training needed for each, at the websites listed below. You can explore other resources, or talk with someone who does this type of work, to find out even more about what you want to be. After you've researched the career you're interested in, follow the instructions for writing an essay. Essay Instructions? The essay should be 200 to 300 words. (That's about as long as these instructions, without the websites listed below.) Be creative — make up your own title.

Include your name. Tell us what career is of interest to you and why. What type of education or training will you need for the career? What are the opportunities for this type of work in the future? Tell us what steps you took to learn about this career. Don't forget to pay attention to spelling and grammar while writing the essay. ? ? ? ? ? ? You can also view these instructions and the websites below at www. MatchThePromise. org. (Your parents can find information on essay scoring criteria on Page 5 of the Description and Application Instructions. Dream big! The future is waiting for you. Helpful Career Websites http://www.careeronestop.

org/StudentsandCareerAdvisors/ExploreCareersStudents.

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S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Outlook Handbook http://www. bls. gov/ooh Search by occupation group, or search by pay, education, training and projected growth rate, to find information for hundreds of different careers. From the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Every Chance Every Texan http://everychanceeverytexan.org/texasjobs/ View top jobs in Texas, and the education and training needed for each. Also view the state's top industries. From the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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and which careers will pay for those needs. Brought to you by the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Education Agency. Texas CARES http://www. texascaresonline. com/wowmenu. asp Explore opportunities based on your work values and interests. Search by career title, occupation group, keyword and more. Also find out about new and emerging careers.

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