**WEEK 1**

EXPLORE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY OPTIONS

Even if you didn’t apply last fall, it’s not too late to apply to a postsecondary program! There are many education options available to apply to after you graduate, including community colleges, technical schools, apprenticeships and military service.

**Your Task:** Use the College Admissions Tool to research postsecondary pathways.

**STEP 1:** Open the [College Admissions Tool](http://www.CoAdmissionsTool.org). Sign in using your CollegeInColorado.org account and click **BUILD OPTIONS WIZARD**.



**STEP 2:** Click Four-year Colleges then select the **Benefits** and **Trade-offs** drop-down categories. Read through the items in these two categories.

**STEP 3:** Continue by clicking the other circles, including **Two-Year and Technical Colleges**, **Apprenticeships**, **Private Occupational & Technical Schools**, **U.S. Military** and **Direct to Work**. On each of these other after high school education options, look at their **Benefits** and **Trade-offs**.

**STEP 4:** Complete the chart below as you explore.

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| **Option** | **Summarize Benefits** | **Summarize Trade-offs** |
| **Two-Year & Technical Colleges** |  |  |
| **Apprenticeships** |  |  |
| **Private Occupational & Technical Schools** |  |  |
| **U. S. Military** |  |  |

As you can see, each option has benefits and trade-offs. Which one or two options are most appealing to you? **Record your choices below and discuss your reasons.**