

**COMMUNICATIONS IV, AND CAREERS  
THE NEXT STEPS – LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**Prerequisite:** Talk with the School Counselor about what materials you will need to gather. Use the English class essay writing format to write your paper. The topic of the essay will be your career goal; the subtopics will explain what the career is all about, will arrive at your career goal, financially and educationally, and how your philosophy of life will fit into the whole shebang.

**Include the following in your paper:**

1. Explain what your career goal is all about.
2. Explain what training you will need to achieve your career goal, where you plan on receiving this training, and how you made this selection.
3. Explain how you plan on paying for this training.
4. Explain the contact you've made with an advisor from the future school or workplace, about how the place will:
  - a. Contribute to your training; what specifically will it offer you germane to your career?
  - b. Help you afford the training.
  - c. Help with job placement after your training.
5. Explain where you plan on living while training for your career – not just the city/town, but where within that city or town.
6. Have you filled out a Oregon Promise Grant application, a FASFA application, scholarship applications . . . ? Explain.
7. How much will it cost you to attend school after Career Tech, to live including such goodies as room, transportation, insurance, book, supplies . . . , and whatever? Compose a proposed budget sheet to show what you'll need to spend.
8. Explain how you plan on supporting yourself while attending the training institution.
9. And then what? What will your starting salary be after training?
10. **OVERALL:** Explain how your philosophy of life will affect the decisions you make for and in the future. What you plan on getting out of life? What do you want your legacy to be: how would you want to be remembered?

**NATURALLY,** you must be clear and complete, punctuate correctly, and all the rest of what you need to effectively communicate your shining ideas.

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English IV: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_