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How can you save \$1,671.45 just by going to high school?

Facts: Florida Career & Technical Education

Florida's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provide successful strategies that link educational reform and economic development. Here are a few CTE facts:

- 80 percent of Florida's fastest growing occupations will require postsecondary career and technical education.
- Florida community college A.A.S. degree students earned more than Florida university bachelor's degree students in first quarter earnings. (\$8,505 vs. \$7958 in first quarter earnings; 2001-2002 graduates.)
- Over 5,500 Tech Prep Programs of Study are in place. Articulation Agreements allow high school students to earn college or technical center vocational credits and/or priority admissions as they move seamlessly into a postsecondary institution without duplication of course work.
- Florida's Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) serve more than 80,000 members in 1,700 chapters. These CTOS offer ways to learn the leadership, communication, and teamwork skills employers expect.
- Over 11,000 students are learning a skilled trade by combining classroom instruction and paid on-the-job training through registered apprenticeship programs.
- Nearly 90% of the students enrolled in postsecondary CTE programs are working at the same time they are attending school.
- 2,626 students were recipients of the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award in 2002-2003. The Gold Seal Scholarships are given to deserving students as part of the Bright Futures Scholarship program.
- For School-to-Career planning, Florida CHOICES opens a world of opportunities for youth by providing excellent information about occupations, colleges, and financial aid. Florida CHOICES is available at no charge to all public high schools. A free web version of Florida CHOICES, eCHOICES, is available at <http://www.florida.echoices.com>. Over 500,000 Floridians have visited this site in the past nine months.

Source: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin/00051/pdf/workforcefactsheet.pdf> and Florida DOE Workforce Education 2004 calendar.

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This week's InquiziKidz explores Suncoast Tech Prep, a nationally recognized program of study created to equip students with the skills needed for future jobs in Sarasota and Manatee Counties—and award them with college credit!

Attention High School Students —This Is For You!

You're a high school student. You get up every day, fix your hair, brush your teeth, then off to school. You may have vague thoughts about life after high school—after all, your parents are counting on you getting a job and moving out someday. But meanwhile, you study some math, a little science, maybe a foreign language...but wait!
Did you say something about saving \$1,671.45 just by going to high school? Sounds good to me! I'd like to buy a stereo system that ROCKS; maybe put it towards a car so I can quit riding the bus...some skater shoes...get my hair highlighted...
Hold on—we've got a plan for you to save \$1,671.45, not spend it! Here's how.
Enroll in a high-wage/high-skill career Tech Prep program (more details to come)—and you'll earn up to nine college credits by the time you graduate from high school, potentially saving you \$1,671.45! Here's the math:

Cost of tuition for 9 credit hours (3 classes) at MCC (\$58.05/credit)	\$522.45
Approximate cost of textbooks for 3 college classes at \$95/book	\$285.00
Potential earnings if working 9 hours / week instead of attending college classes for a 16-week semester (at \$6.00/hr).	\$864.00
Total Potential Savings	\$1,671.45



How about it? Tech Prep not only saves you money and time, it helps prepare you for a real job making much more than minimum wage. And, with good grades, Tech Prep may qualify you for the Florida Bright Futures Gold Seal Scholarship, a program that pays 75% of your college tuition. Now that's a deal worth looking into!

Tech Prep—An Overview

The Tech Prep Program is a coordinated sequence of academic courses plus three to four electives offering career and technical knowledge and skills. When high school students complete (with a passing grade) a series of structured, sequential career and technical courses and then enroll in one of the partnering colleges or technical institutes, they are awarded up to nine college credits in that specific field. The Tech Prep program is designed for students who want a higher-paying, in-demand job and who plan to pursue educational opportunities after high school.

The Suncoast Tech Prep Consortium, which oversees the Tech Prep program, has developed articulation (credit-awarding) agreements between the Manatee and Sarasota school districts and:

- Manatee Technical Institute
- Manatee Community College
- Sarasota County Technical Institute
- Johnson & Wales University (Culinary Arts & Hospitality)
- University of South Florida

This means that these listed schools automatically accept qualifying Tech Prep credits when a student enrolls in the same career program after high school.

This nationally recognized program is challenging and rewarding, and gives students a sense of real-world learning that directly applies to their career goals.

Students choosing a Tech Prep program realize that a high school diploma is no longer enough to find a high-paying job, and get a jump start on the skills needed to succeed in the workplace. Most Tech Prep programs meet the criteria for Gold Seal Scholarship eligibility, giving students the opportunity to qualify for a Bright Future Scholarship and 75% off of Florida college tuition.



Available Programs of Study

The following Tech Prep programs are available throughout Manatee County. Not all programs are located at each school. Students desiring a program not available at their school may apply to attend another school through school choice.

- Accounting Operations
- Administrative Assistant / Medical Secretary (Computer Applications)
- Automotive Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Business Marketing
- Business Supervision and Management
- Commercial Air Conditioning Technology
- Computer Network Support Services
- Construction Electricity
- Criminal Justice Operations
- Culinary Arts - Food Production & Services
- Digital Design & Publishing
- Drafting / Illustrative Design Technology
- Early Childhood Education - Childcare Development Specialist
- Early Childhood Education - Preschool Teacher
- Drafting
- Electronics
- Engineering Technology
- Health Careers
- Legal Secretary
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- TV Production
- Web Design

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- Ballard Elementary Magnet
- Daughtrey Preparatory Magnet
- Harlee Middle Magnet
- Johnson Middle Magnet
- Lee Middle Magnet



- Haile Middle School
- Lincoln Middle Magnet
- Manatee Elementary Magnet
- Rowlett Elementary Magnet
- Tillman Elementary Magnet
- Wakeland Elementary Magnet

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Suncoast Tech Prep - <http://www.SuncoastTechPrep.com>
 Florida Bright Future Scholarship - <http://www.firn.edu/doe/brightfuture/>
 Manatee Technical Institute - <http://www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/mti/>
 Florida eChoices—Career Exploration - <http://www.florida.echoices.com>
 Manatee Community College - <http://www.mccfl.edu>
 Sarasota County Technical Institute - <http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/schools/sciti.htm>
 University of South Florida - <http://www.usf.edu>
 Johnson & Wales University - <http://www.jwu.edu/florida/>

Next Week's question: ?