



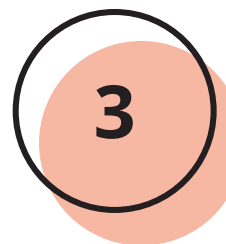
How to Apply to Trades & Apprenticeships After High School



Explore Career Options



Trades are hands-on jobs like electrician, plumber, cosmetologist, mechanic, or carpenter. They offer skills that are always in demand and can lead to steady, well-paying careers.



Apply to a Program

Applications are often simple and focus on your interest and readiness to learn. Some programs require an entrance test, while others may ask for recommendations or a short interview.



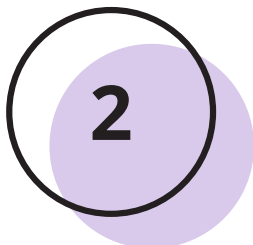
Look Into Financial Aid

Trade schools and apprenticeships may offer scholarships, grants, or even paid training. Don't forget to complete the FAFSA—it can cover many vocational programs too.



Get Ready for Day One

Many apprentices are hired full-time after completing training. With your skills, you can join a company, become part of a union, or start your own business.



Research Programs



Look into local trade schools, unions, or apprenticeship programs in your area. Many offer direct training with professionals and can connect you to job opportunities after graduation.



Begin Training

Classes and workshops teach the basics, while real job sites give you the chance to practice alongside skilled professionals. This mix of classroom study and hands-on work builds confidence and prepares you for your trade.



LOOKING FOR MORE RESOURCES?

Get more tips and tools from the What's Your Plan? campaign
Follow our partners on social: @phillygoes2college_ @philaedfund



Scan the QR code for the Family Resource Guide with checklists and support links.

