

*Seeking
Direction
After
High School?*

**Alternatives for Youth
of Philadelphia**

Created by the WMPF Peace Group to provide options for youth & young adults of Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) who wish to gain education & employment, without entering the military

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Dear youth of Philadelphia:

Graduating high school is an accomplishment that is reason for a lot of excitement. Yes, it takes hard work and determination, but the real achievement is that you will have survived some of your prime suffering years. Not that the working world is easy, but I'm sure that the rest of your life will never be more painful than your walk from Biology to English I freshman year.

The most exciting (and hardest thing) about graduating high school is that your future is wide open. You can decide who you want to be and what you want to do with your life. That freedom can be overwhelming for many people, however. In this packet, we provide a list of dozens of options for your future. Some are job training programs, some provide ways to get money for college, and some offer valuable volunteer opportunities.

You might notice that the military is not listed in the packet. You all know that the military is an option, but we do not think that it is a good one. The military teaches you how to fight wars, but little else. Military recruiters promise to pay for you to go to college if you enlist, but 2/3 of recruits never receive any funding for college.

Many young people enlist in the military because they think it is their only option. We are not here to tell you what to do or what not to do, but we are here to show you that you do have more than one choice for how your future will develop. We encourage you to read through this list, and contact those organizations that spark your interest.

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(age 19; member of WPMF)

EMPLOYMENT & JOB TRAINING

ASPIRA Inc. of Pennsylvania (North Philly)

4322 North 5th Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19140; 215-455-1300

www.aspirapa.org

Seeks to empower the Puerto Rican and Latino community; offers youth employment programs, Talent Search, and programs for high school drop-outs.

Awbury Arboretum

Awbury Arboretum Association, The Francis Cope House, One Awbury Road, Philadelphia, PA 19138-1505; 215-849-2855

<http://www.awbury.org/jobtraining.html>

Prepares student apprentices, 18 to 24 year old young adults, for careers in landscape management, horticulture and urban forestry through hands-on training as well as structured classroom sessions, regional workshops, conferences and field trips. Motivated individuals will have the opportunity to work toward professional certification as arborists, horticulturists, landscape technicians and pesticide applicators. A nine-month program; apprentices are paid \$6.00 - \$7.00/hour for 30 hours a week.

Black Women's Health Project: STAR / Sisters Talking About Reality

1231 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215-232-1115

<http://www.blackwomenshealthproject.org/star.htm>

Teenaged girls (aged 12-19) meet twice a week to be trained as health educators and to participate in academic, creative arts and health workshop activities.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia

1518 Walnut Street, Suite 712, Philadelphia, PA 19102; 215-735-8818

<http://www.bgcphila.org>

Offers career and college planning, leadership development and volunteer opportunities; clubs are located in many Philadelphia neighborhoods.

BREAKFREE Youth Design Group

3721 Midvale Avenue, Philadelphia Teaching Sites, Philadelphia, PA 19129;
215-991-9180

<http://www.breakfreeyouth.org/home/>

A small non-profit organization devoted to teaching sewing, design and youth entrepreneurship to low-income and/or at-risk teenagers in Philadelphia.

City Year, Greater Philadelphia

<http://www.whyiserve.com/>

Engages diverse teams of 17 to 24 year-olds in a year of full-time community service, civic engagement and leadership development. Corps members serve full-time for 10 months, receiving a weekly stipend to facilitate their volunteer service; upon completion of 1700 hours of service, members receive a post-service award to further their education. City Year is often likened to "the domestic peace corps."

Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center

2646 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125; 215-426-9422

<http://www.familyservices-phl.org/cardinalenglish.html>

Offers career counseling, youth GED programs, college prep counseling, and other services.

Carpenters Apprentice School of Philadelphia & Vicinity

Carpenters Training Facility, 10401 Decatur Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

<http://www.carpentersofphila.com/>

Provides young men and women with the necessary skills to stay current in the constantly changing construction field, utilizing state-of-the-art and specialty training for carpenters, cabinetmakers, floor layers, lathers, millwrights, drapery workers, and wharf & dock builders. The program teaches the necessary life-skills and work ethics needed for young people to earn a decent living with fair wages, health benefits, pensions, and annuities. Applications are solicited only during two weeks of the year; a test for high school level math skills must be passed at the Carpenters Apprentice School before applications will be considered.

Communities In Schools of Philadelphia, Inc., YouthWorks

Rodin Place, Suite 201, 2000 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130-3448;

267-386-4600

http://www.cisphl.org/CISP1/our_programs/workready.htm

Places students in summer youth service projects that address specific community needs, providing internship opportunities within specific occupational fields and allowing them to earn academic credit.

Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.

216 West Somerset Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133; 215-763-8870

<http://www.congreso.net/home.php>

- *Exito, Training For Success* -- a free after-school program for high school youth from North Philadelphia; it meets Monday through Friday from 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm. The program runs through the academic year in 5 cycles of 7 weeks. Students engage in a service learning project for school credit, college and career counseling, employment training, and placement in a part time job or internship.

Francis Donato, Coordinator, 215-763-8870, ext. 1422

<http://www.congreso.net/programs/j.php>

- *E3 Power Center* -- offers educational services (literacy classes, ESL, GED classes and college preparation), computer skills, employment readiness and placement, occupational skills, life skills, assessments, and other support for out-of-school and vulnerable youth in Philadelphia; designed to help youth and young adults (aged 14-21) to identify and achieve their long-term career goals.

Kristen Starr, Coordinator, 215-763-8870, ext.7503

<http://www.congreso.net/programs/e10.php>

- *Careers in Trucking* -- a free five-week job training program for individuals who want to pursue a CDL-A driver's license and enter into a career in the long-haul truck driving industry. Must be a resident of Philadelphia, 21 years of age or older, drug-free, and able

to communicate in English. An examination of criminal history and driving record should be expected.

Contact Amy Antrim, Special Projects Coordinator, 215-291-5555, ext. 7211

<http://www.congreso.net/programs/e6.php>

- *SEPTA Bus Driver* -- a partnership with SEPTA and PWDC to provide potential bus operators with 12 hours of free intensive CDL-B test preparation, along with 8 hours of customer service skills, in order to strengthen the applicants' opportunity to acquire the CDL-B permit. Must apply with SEPTA; SEPTA refers preferred applicants to CLU.

Contact Amy Antrim, Special Projects Coordinator, 215-291-5555, ext.7211

<http://www.congreso.net/programs/e1.php>

- *Calle Americana CareerLink* (Employment Services, Resumé Development, Job Referrals and Career Planning) -- provides employment and training resources for job seekers who are 18 years and older, including resumé development, job referrals and career planning. Calle Americana's bilingual staff offer job search assistance to connect residents of Northeastern Philadelphia with employers citywide. For more information:

<http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us>

Contact: CareerLink receptionist/greeter, 215-763-8870, ext. 1200

<http://www.congreso.net/programs/e8.php>

- *Wachovia Bank Teller Initiative* -- a free three-week training program for people who are interested in a banking career; teaches customer service skills, banking basics, computer skills, and interviewing skills. Youth must be 18 or over, a resident of Philadelphia, prescreened by Wachovia Bank, drug free, no felony convictions, and bilingual in Spanish and English.

Contact Amy Antrim, Special Projects Coordinator, 215-291-5555, ext. 7211.

<http://www.congreso.net/programs/e3.php>

CORA Services Inc.

CORA Neumann Center, 1001 Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, PA; 215-535-2957

<http://www.coraservices.com/what/neumannCenter/>

An alternative education and job training program that serves students who have dropped out of public, private or parochial school. The Center supports these students' efforts to obtain a GED, computer and clerical skills, and life skills. Students come from every part of the city to participate in job training, job placement assistance, counseling, drug and alcohol prevention programs, and to clarify short and long term career goals. Youth (aged 16-21) must have a fifth-grade reading and math level and pass an interview to enter the program.

EmpowermentGroup

2111 North Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215-427-9245

http://www.empowerment-group.org/programs_yep.htm

The Youth Entrepreneurship Program is a hands-on program run at after-school and summer programs throughout Philadelphia. YEP instructors go on-site to programs to work with their students. These classes introduce youth to entrepreneurship and business planning by having them plan and implement their own business ideas, right there at their own after-school or summer program. Instructors create a business environment by having students break into business departments, fill out time sheets, sign memorandums

of agreement and create actual businesses and written business plans.

Enterprise Center's YES Program

4548 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139; 215-895-4078

<http://www.theenterprisecenter.com>

Prepares youth for success in the business world through business camps and special events that explore how to start a business and entrepreneurship; during-school and after-school programs are available.

Reformation Lutheran Church, STRETCH Academy

1215 East Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA 19150; 215-548-4332

<http://welcomeplace.org/Groups.html>

STRETCH Academy (Scholarship and Training at Reformation with Education in The Community and Home) provides an after school program for middle school students, helps high students with college preparatory assistance, supports Reformation's college students, and provides tutoring for younger students. A reading program also is provided to Camp RC children during the summer. Adult personal computer classes are also offered.

Fabric Workshop and Museum, High School Apprentice Training Program

1315 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215-568-1111

<http://www.fabricworkshop.org/apprentice>

Offers students the opportunity to learn about design and print media and assist in all areas of the studio; the apprenticeships bring job training as well as educational experience, and students earn minimum wage for their time. Students also receive career guidance from artists and studio staff. Students must complete an application process and be accepted into the program.

Freedom Schools, Junior Servant Leader Project

Communities in Schools, 734 Schuylkill Avenue, Suite 450, Philadelphia, PA 19146; 215-875-3739

<http://www.cisphl.org>

Offers academic training and employment with The Freedom Schools to participants in the summer; during the school year, a service component is offered.

Goodwill Industries International Inc.

<http://www.goodwill.org/page/guest/jobseekers>

Offers a variety of programs to train job seekers in the skills needed for today's market.

JEVS: Jewish Employment and Vocational Service

1845 Walnut Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103; 215-854-1800 [main headquarters]

<http://www.jevs.org>

JEVS Human Services is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian social service agency that provides job training and skills training programs, such as:

- *Customer Service Training Collaborative (CSTC)* -- a free, intensive 5-week training

program to develop "communication, decision-making, and interpersonal skills, as well as basic computer skills. Guidance through all possible barriers is offered, including help with child care and transportation. The program also coordinates work with the Center for Literacy, which provides on-site training in math, writing, and other subjects." CSTC offers daytime classes in beautiful classrooms with a state-of-the-art computer lab.

714 Market St., 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106; 267-765-6190

- *Retail Skills Center (RSC)* -- recruits, trains and places people in jobs at the King of Prussia Mall and the surrounding area. The RSC's interactive workshops and personalized training programs are based on the national retail industry's standards and staffing needs, and cover such areas as sales, customer service, inventory and store appearance. School-to-career programs, job fairs, National Sales and Service Certification, and advanced level training programs for current retail workers are also provided. The "core" retail-training program is FREE to all students. Fees for other training (customized courses, field trips, National Certification) are based upon class or group size and services delivered.

King of Prussia Mall Plaza, Upper Level, 160 N. Gulph Road, Suite 2140, King of Prussia, PA; 610-37-7449

Lutheran Settlement House

1340 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125; 215-426-8610, ext. 223

<http://www.lutheransettlement.org/education.html>

LSH's Community Education and Employment Department provides a wide variety of educational and career opportunities for people from all walks of life.

Metropolitan Career Center

162 West Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144; 215-843-6615

http://www.mccweb-gt.org/Programs/Program_Overview.php

Programs combine vocational and work-readiness skills, preparing job seekers for positions and helping low-wage workers to maintain and upgrade their skills for greater employment potential. MCC recommends candidates to businesses if qualifications are met. Programs include Direct Care, Administrative Office Support, Computer Technology, and STRIVE [see below].

http://www.mccweb-gt.org/Programs/Program_Overview.php- *STRIVE (Support and Training Result in Valued Employment) Program* -- a job-readiness program designed to help individuals who have faced challenges in entering or re-entering the job market, or in retaining employment. STRIVE instructors work with students to help job seekers gain the confidence needed to secure and retain stable employment. STRIVE uses a combination of personal/professional development training in areas including: appropriate workplace behaviors; conflict resolution; interviewing skills; proofreading and vocabulary-building; word processing; keyboarding and data entry; resumé writing; and, job search techniques.

<http://www.mccweb-gt.org/Programs/STRIVE.php>

National Urban League

120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005; 212-558-5300

<http://www.nul.org/educationandyouth.html>

Provides job training and college scholarships.

Norris Square Neighborhood Project (North Philly), Project HOPE

2141 North Howard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215-634-2227

<http://www.nsnp.org>

Offers a leadership program for youth (aged 15-18); participants operate a silk-screening business, with profits furnishing stipends for them and for the financing of field trips.

North Light Community Center: Summer Career Exploration Program

175 Green Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19127; 215-483-4800

<http://www.northlightcommunitycenter.org/scep.htm>

Runs a six-week career internship program for students who have completed grades 10, 11, and 12. Workshops are designed to supplement and enrich career mentoring, which students receive a minimum of twice a week on their job placements. All workshops are held at North Light Community Center in Manayunk on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Summer job programs and college and career readiness programs are also offered.

Old First Reformed Church (United Church of Christ): Youth Employment Service

151 North 4th Street Philadelphia, PA 19106; 215-922-4566 (weekdays, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

<http://www.oldfirstucc.org/>

Gives urban teens experience in real working environments through a six-week summer jobs program in Center City.

Open Borders Project

3552 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140; 215-226-5888, 215-226-3811

http://www.openbordersproject.org/about_new.htm

Empowers local residents of North Philadelphia through language, computer and leadership courses. As an organization made up and led by Latino immigrants, working to overcome social, economic, and cultural barriers is central to our mission. While our students are mainly from Latin American countries, our classes are open to everyone regardless of national origin or religion.

Orleans Technical Institute

Northeast Campus: 1330 Rhawn St., Philadelphia, PA 19111-2899; 215-728-4700

Center City Campus: 1845 Walnut St. 7th Fl, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4707

<http://www.orianstech.edu>

Helps individuals meet their employment goals, whether they're new to the workforce, looking to upgrade their skills, or wanting to try something new. Provides training in the building trades (air conditioning, heating and refrigeration, building maintenance, carpentry, plumbing and heating, residential and commercial electricity), court reporting, culinary skills, and human services. Registration and fees for classes must be paid.

Pennsylvania Apprentices Coordinators Association

<http://www.apprentice.org/>

Teaches paid apprentices the skills needed for a career in the building trade industry.

Through a combination of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction, workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation. These include boilermakers, bricklayers, cabinetmakers, carpenters, cement masons, drywall finishers, electricians, floorlayers, glaziers, insulators and asbestos workers, ironworkers, lathers, millwrights, operating engineers, painters and paperhangers, plumbers, plasterers, roofers, sheet metal workers, sprinkler fitters, steamfitters, and wharf and dock workers. Most trades require four to five years to complete a program.

Pennsylvania Career Link

<http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us/>

Lists thousands of new jobs, posted daily by employers searching for new employees.

People For People Inc.

800 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130; 215-763-7060

<http://www.peopleforpeople.org>

Provides after-school job training, technology and other training in North Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation

1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd., 13th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1813; CareerLink hotline: 215-557-2625

<http://www.pwdc.org/jobseekers/index.html>

Serves more than 10,000 job seekers a year.

Philadelphia Youth Network, E3Power Program

German Avenue Branch, 215-236-5565; North Broad Branch, 215-763-2393; Parkside Avenue Branch, 215-473-2000

<http://www.pyninc.org/>

Helps youth (aged 14-21) acquire necessary skills and work experience, through mentoring, tutoring, GED preparation, and internships.

Plumbers Apprentice School

Local 690, Philadelphia, 2791 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154; 215-677-6900, ext. 45

<http://www.apprentice.org/plumber1.htm>

Through a five year apprenticeship, the program teaches the layout and installation of piping materials, plumbing fixtures, and mechanical equipment on the job. Blueprint reading, drawing, trade math, related systems, theory and selected manipulative skills are taught in the related school program. The apprentice works under the direct guidance and supervision of a licensed plumber. Applications must be made on the second or third weeks of January each year.

StudentJobs.Gov

<http://www.studentjobs.gov/>

Provides information on government job opportunities.

Village of Arts and Humanities

2544 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19133; 215-225-9560

<http://www.villagearts.org>

Offers after-school and summer programs in spoken word, photography, digital music, digital video, mural arts, and sculpture building; includes mentoring, tutoring and summer job opportunities.

U.S. Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/training/youth.htm>

Supports job training (including apprenticeships) and placement programs through JobCorps, and provides other services for youth.

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

<http://www.doleta.gov/jobseekers/>

Helps workers in all stages of their job and career development, including starting a new job, researching job opportunities, and finding training to acquire new skills.

Work4Women

Wider Opportunities for Women, 815 15th Street, NW, Suite 916, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 638-3143

<http://www.work4women.org>

Points women to non-traditional occupations (any job in which women comprise 25% or less of the total employed).

WorkReady Philadelphia

Sovereign Building, 714 Market Street, Suite 304, Philadelphia, PA 19146; WorkReady hotline 267-502-3742

<http://www.workreadyphila.org>

Offers programs geared for youth (aged 14-21) in preparation for the world of work by providing experience and connections.

YMCA Achievers Program

2000 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19103

<http://www.phillyyachievers.org>

Offers career mentoring and academic enrichment programs for teens, meeting at Drexel University on the first and third Saturdays of the month during the school year (September through June), as well as periodically at neighborhood YMCA branches.

Young Jobs

<http://www.youngjobs.com>

Web-based service for young employment seekers searching for the right start in the working world; strives to enhance the communication between job seekers and potential employers.

Youth Empowerment Services

<http://www.yesphilly.org/>

The YES Digital Media Training program (DMT) is a hands-on job training program that

focuses in on graphics and web design, video production, audio engineering, and digital video editing. It uses state-of-the-art, professional-grade equipment and software, taught by trained media arts specialists. The DMT connects students to employers, and offers supportive services through internships, work readiness, education services, and career/personal counseling.

YouthBuild U.S.A.

58 Day Street, Somerville, MA 02144; 617-623-9900

<http://www.youthbuild.org/site>

Programs engage unemployed young men and women, most of whom have not completed high school and all who come from low-income families; helps them serve their communities and learn skills through building affordable housing; provides opportunities to gain sound work habits, decision-making and time-management skills, development of career plans and preparation for job interviews; participants are trained by qualified construction instructors.

EDUCATION & EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AES/PHEAA (American Educational Services / Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)

<http://www.aessuccess.org>

Offers college and higher education planning assistance to students and families in the Philadelphia area, helping them learn about scholarships and financial aid in Pennsylvania and nation-wide.

Cedar Park Neighbors

c/o Calvary Community Center, 4740 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143;
267-531-4147

http://www.cedarparkneighbors.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=38&Itemid=64

Awards up to seven scholarships each summer to high school graduates and continuing college students from the Cedar Park neighborhood of West Philadelphia.

Center for Literacy

636 South 48th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143; 215-474-1235

http://www.centerforliteracy.org/programs/youth_programs.htm

Provides a range of literacy services, including reading, writing, math, life and work skills, to help a diverse population of learners meet their needs and achieve their personal and employment-related goals; includes programs geared for young adults (aged 16-21).

College411 Minorities

<http://www.college411.org/>

Provides links to:

- American Chemical Society Minority Affairs Program
- American Indian College Fund
- ATandT Undergraduate Research Program
- black colleges/universities that don't require SAT scores
- Coalition to Increase Minority Degrees
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
- Gates Millennium Scholars
- HBCUMentor
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- Hispanic College Fund
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- INROADS
- Jackie Robinson Foundation
- NASA's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program
- National Action Council for Minorities in Education
- National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Schools Program
- Native American Education resources
- United Negro College Fund
- Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program

Community College of Philadelphia – Gateway to College Program

Gateway to College, Community College of Philadelphia 1700 Spring Garden Street, Room M1-24, Philadelphia, PA 19130; 215-751-8540

<http://www.ccp.edu/site/gateway/>

Gateway to College at Community College of Philadelphia is a scholarship program for School District of Philadelphia students, ages 16-20, who have dropped out of school but have a desire to get back on track and earn a diploma and more. Gateway participants will also be earning college credits toward an associate's degree or certificate. Applicants must live within the boundaries of the School District of Philadelphia, be able to complete the credits for a high school diploma by the age of 22, currently have 18 or fewer high school credits, and be able to read at an 8th grade level or higher, as determined by a reading assessment.

CORE (College Opportunity Resources for Education) Philly

CORE Philly Scholarship Program, 1601 Market Street, Suite 2500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2301; 215-246-3513

<http://www.corephilly.org>

Combines funding from the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia to provide "last dollar" scholarships to eligible high school seniors; scholarships are to be used during freshman year in college only.

Eastern in the City (EIC)

Eastern in the City, School for Social Change, Campolo College, Eastern University, 990 Spring Garden St, 6th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123-3814; Office of Admissions: 215-769-3129

<http://www.eastern.edu/academic/campolo/inst/eic/eic.shtml>

EIC provides a rigorous, affordable, faith-integrated education. Offered is the same two-year core curriculum required on Eastern's main campus. Credits are transferable to Baccalaureate degree programs at Eastern or any four-year degree program. Every student accepted to EIC receives a half-paid tuition scholarship from Eastern University. Accepted students benefit from that scholarship for both years of study with EIC. Federal and State financial aid is also available. Eastern University's half-paid tuition scholarship, along with full federal and state grants, pay for more than 85% of each student's education.

Educational Advancement Alliance

4601 Market Street, Suite 310, Philadelphia, PA 19139

<http://www.eaalliance.org>

Offers after-school and Saturday programs that focus on academic enrichment and college preparation, including college visits and peer support groups.

Ellis Trust

<http://www.wwscholars.org/ellis/>

Provides grants to girls in grades 9-12 from single parent families in need of aid to complete their high school education; grant money can be used toward tuition, college visits, college application and entrance test fees, college courses, visual and performing arts lessons, and more.

FastWeb!

<http://www.fastweb.com>

The "most complete source" of local, national and college-specific scholarships.

Free Library of Philadelphia, LEAP Program

1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; 215-686-5372

<http://www.library.phila.gov/libserv/leap.htm>

An after-school program that provides homework assistance, computer literacy, library skills and multi-cultural enrichment activities during the school year (September through June); high school students who participate may apply for paid positions in their local libraries.

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)

Office of College and Career Awareness, School District of Philadelphia, Germantown High School, 40 East High Street, Room 178, Philadelphia, PA 19144; 215-951-7770

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/gearup/index.html>

Brings college preparation and awareness to students in low-income communities; begins with students in sixth or seventh grade and continues through high school graduation, providing comprehensive academic, mentoring and college guidance services.

KFC Colonel's Scholars

<http://www.kfcscholars.org>

Enables high school students with "entrepreneurial drive, strong perseverance and demonstrated financial need, to pursue up to four years of study at an accredited public institution in the state they reside." Students must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher, and must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

KnowHow2Go Program

<http://www.knowhow2go.org/>

Provides web-based advice and links for young people (middle school to high school age) who want to get on the right track to attend college.

LULAC National Education Service Center

2501 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19135; 215-423-4811

<http://www.lnesc.org>

Offers academic enrichment, career exploration, and college access services to high school students.

North Light Community Fund

http://www.northlightcommunitycenter.org/s_manayunk.htm

The Neducsin "Spirit of Manayunk" Scholarship Fund provides partial scholarship assistance to undergraduate students. Students must demonstrate a commitment to their community through involvement and service. Scholarships are to be used at four-year colleges or universities. This \$10,000 award will provide \$2500 each year over a period of four consecutive years. Renewal of the awards over a consecutive four-year period will be based on the satisfactory standard of academic achievement: 2.6 or better grade point average and documented completion of a minimum of 20 hours community service each academic year (freshman year can be waived with a written request).

Philadelphia Gateway to College

700 Spring Garden Street, Room M1-24, Philadelphia, PA 19130; 215-751-8540

<http://www.ccp.edu/site/gateway/>

Gateway to College at Community College of Philadelphia is a scholarship program for School District of Philadelphia students, ages 16-20, who have dropped out of school but have a desire to get back on track and earn a diploma and more. What makes Gateway to College truly unique is that our students will not only have a second chance to earn a high school diploma, but Gateway participants will also be earning college credits toward an associates degree or certificate.

Scholarships.com

www.scholarships.com

Helps students of all ages find money for college.

School District of Philadelphia's Scholarship Clearinghouse

www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/scholarships

Offers scholarship snapshots and application preparatory information. For more information about scholarships or financial aid, contact Tanya Ruley, Scholarship Coordinator at tnruley@phila.k12.pa.us

Southwest Community Enrichment Center

1314 South 46th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143; 215-386-8250

<http://www.dreamworld.org/scec>

Offers a computer-based learning and academic enrichment program three days a week after school, as well as a “Teens in Technology” program.

White-Williams Scholars

215 South Broad Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107

<http://www.wwscholars.org>

Awards monthly stipends to high-achieving, low-income Philadelphia public high school students as long as they maintain A’s and B’s in their studies; students also benefit from preparatory counseling, college trips and peer support groups.

VOLUNTEERING

AmeriCorps in Pennsylvania

http://www.americorps.org/about/role_impact/state_profiles_detail.asp?tbl_profiles_state=PA

In exchange for their time of service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award of up to \$4,725 that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans.

Lists opportunities by city

(http://www.nationalservice.gov/state_profiles/pdf/PA_AC.pdf).

City Heroes Program

City Year Philadelphia, 2221 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103; 267-386-7038

<http://www.cityyear.org/sites/philadelphia>

Provides community service opportunities for high school students.

Peace Corps

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Philadelphia Cares

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ENLISTMENT AND/OR GETTING OUT OF THE SERVICE

- o Conscientious Objection -- Ask A Vet, Mennonite Central Committee (<http://www.mcc.org/us/co/counter/>)
- o Youth and Militarism, American Friends Service Committee (<http://www.afsc.org/youthmil/>)
- o Military Out of Our Schools Program, CCCO (<http://www.objector.org/recruiting.html>) for blogs, youth myspace and youtube, posters, and much else, including links to recruitment myths
- o Youth and CounterMilitarism Program, War Resisters League (<http://www.warresisters.org/youth/>)
- o The Counter-Recruitment and Alternatives to the Military Program, AFSC (980 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103; 626-791-1978; <http://www.pasadena.afsc.org>)
- o Coalition Against Militarism Of Our Schools (<http://www.militaryfreeschools.org>)
- o Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft (<http://www.comdsd.org/>)
- o The GI Rights Hotline (<http://girights.objector.org/index.html>)
- o Quaker House [counsels GIs re: conscientious objection] (<http://www.quakerhouse.org>)
- o Military Counseling Network [counsels GIs re: conscientious objection] (<http://www.mc-network.de/>)
- o DVD "Before You Enlist" by AFSC and Veterans for Peace (<http://www.beforeyouenlist.org>)
- o DVD "Sir! No, Sir!" tells the story of thousands of GIs who resisted the Vietnam war
- o Opt-out information and form, posted by Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth (http://www.pccy.org/opt_out.htm)
- o Alaska Draft Resistance (<http://www.draftresistance.org/index.php>)
- o Center on Conscience and War (<http://www.centeronconscience.org/>)
- o Iraq Veterans Against the War (<http://www.ivaw.org/>)
- o Soldier, Say No! (<http://www.peacehost.net/ssn/>)
- o Campus Antiwar Network (<http://www.campusantiwar.net/>)