

ON THE REAL...



... when you decide to enroll at a community college or trade school, it does not guarantee that you will get TYC funding.

Do not sign any contracts until you have talked to your local TYC Educational Liaison. This can \$ave you Money!

However, as a TYC youth, you **MAY QUALIFY** for *Aftercare Educational Funding* if you meet certain criteria:

Before Parole:

- *High School Diploma/GED Certificate
- *Proof of FAFSA application (Pell Grant)

During Parole:

- *Parole Officer Recommendation
- *TYC Aftercare Funding Application
- *Community College/Trade School Acceptance Letter
- *Entry Exam Scores (THEA, Accuplacer, etc.)

Beyond TYC:

- *Discharged youth who are eligible for Trust funds.

Contact an education liaison at the following TYC District Offices:



Austin

800-687-7326

Dallas

800-687-7339

Fort Worth

800-687-7336

Houston

800-687-7582

San Antonio

800-687-7320

TEXAS  **YOUTH COMMISSION**



*Education
Liaisons:
Connecting
Youth
BEYOND TYC!*

What is an educational liaison?

We are educators committed to assisting you during your re-entry into the community.

We can help you with:

GED preparation

Public school enrollment

Applying for financial aid

Attending vocational training

and

Community college



Guide to Financial Aid



The United States has \$64 billion available in financial aid.

Financial aid money comes from federal and state governments, banks, schools, and private donors.

GRANTS- (e.g., Pell Grants) Funds which do not need to be paid back—you are *granted* money toward your education or trade.

LOANS- Money borrowed at various interest rates which must be repaid.

SCHOLARSHIPS- Money awarded to qualified candidates based on certain academic, athletic or specialized recognitions.

MILITARY PERSONNEL AID- Financial aid attached to military enlistment (e.g., Veteran's Educational Assistance Program).

Log onto www.fafsa.ed.gov or contact your **Education Liaison** for more information.



Learn More, Be More!

Fact#1- Education is one of the most effective ways to improve your social and financial future.

With High School or GED
Average Income \$25,900 a year

With an Associate's Degree
Average Income \$33,000 a year

With a Bachelor's Degree
Average Income \$45,400 a year

With a Master's Degree
Average Income \$54,500 a year

Fact #2- The high school diploma is no longer sufficient for individuals seeking good jobs.

Fact #3- There is a growing shortage of skilled labor in jobs (carpentry, plumbing, septic).

Want to Earn? Then *Learn*.

Data courtesy of U.S. Census Bureau and Texas Workforce Commission's "Career Exploration Guide for Parents and children".