

Challenge 3-A: My Education Options

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For this challenge task, use what you have learned in **Lesson 3-1: Invest in Yourself** and other career-related study to make a thoughtful decision about training for a future career. Select the best type of education or training program for you as you prepare for a career that interests you now. For future reference as your life circumstances and interests change, add this decision summary to your personal financial planning portfolio.

Directions:

- 1. Apply what you have learned about criterion-based decision making as you complete this challenge. Review the six DECIDE action steps to guide your work (Page 40 Appendix or Module 1 Student Guide, page 20). Preview the criteria listed in the Scoring Guide to plan for your assessment.
- 2. Use the chart below or create a separate document to summarize your decision-making process. Take into consideration your current circumstances and values. Ask for input from someone who knows you well enough to help you explore realistic options that are most suitable to your circumstances, values, and preferences.
- 3. Using the Scoring Guide, self-assess your work, and also ask a classmate to peer assess your work.

	DECIDE Steps	My Situation		
1	Define your goal.			
2	Establish your criteria.			
3	Choose three good options.			
4	Identify the pros and cons of the options.			
5	Decide what's best.			
6	Evaluate the results.			

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Required Criteria		Status		
Content				
1.	In one sentence you state what you want to achieve as a result of the decision-making process.	acceptable	not acceptable	
2.	Outcome involves a major decision related to skill training beyond high school.	acceptable	not acceptable	
3.	You justify how the decision and outcome relates to your current circumstances and values.	acceptable	not acceptable	
4.	Summary lists at least six criteria for an acceptable outcome, including the features or circumstances you absolutely must have as well as those you would like to have or will not accept.	acceptable	not acceptable	
Option Status Rating Key: "A" = Acceptable / "NA" = Not Acceptable		Option A	Option B	Option C
5.	Summary includes details about three possible options.			
6.	You devise a way to illustrate how well each option matches your criteria.			
7.	You point out the option that you have chosen.	acceptable	not acceptable	
8.	You justify why the chosen option was selected.	acceptable	not acceptable	
9.	Your choice is logical based on the known circumstances, stated criteria, and potential to achieve the desired outcome.	acceptable	not acceptable	
10.	You summarize what you do and don't like about your choice and justify any modifications that were made in the purpose, criteria, or options.	acceptable	not acceptable	
General				
11.	Content is clearly stated with distinct detail.	acceptable	not acceptable	
12.	Documentation is neat and easy to read.	acceptable	not acceptable	
13.	Information about the options is accurate or can be verified.	acceptable	not acceptable	

Feedback:

Score: _____ / _____