

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

> **Help the environment!** Check out the Alternative Fuels Technician program at Wake Tech Community College at 1-919-662-3380 or 1-919-662-3516. Or check out the Environmental Careers Organization website at www.eco.org or the Orion Society (www.oriononline.org) which lists internships, jobs, apprenticeships, and AmeriCorps opportunities.

> **Become a health-care worker.** Choose from 88 different jobs. Even if you didn't lead your class in math and science, don't close this option—Durham Technical Community College has a Biotech Boot Camp to get basic math and science training, career readiness, and technical skills development. Call 1-919-686-3350. Cost is \$120 or FREE to qualified participants. Or contact area health education centers. They are a great source of information about how to get started in health care. Visit <http://nc-hcap.unc.edu>; also www.raconline.org/info_guides/funding/hpeducation.php or call 1-919-966-2264.

> **City Year!** Spend a year of full time service with young people of all backgrounds, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world! www.cityyear.org

GET MONEY FOR COLLEGE

> **Earn more income** for the rest of your life when you go to college. It is hard, but fun! Community colleges are a bargain. For a listing of Community Colleges in the U.S. go to www.community-college.org.

> **To find out about financial aid** visit www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/thinkcollege (federal aid) or www.cfnc.org or call 1-866-866-CFNC (NC aid). To apply for aid go to www.fafsa.gov.

> **Find out about Learn and Earn!** Go to www.nclearnandearn.gov

> **For a free scholarship search** go to www.FastWeb.com. Look also to churches, civic groups and colleges for help.

CHECK OUT THE INTERNET

Surf the Internet for more ideas. Most public libraries have internet access and librarians can help you out if you need it. Start at



www.google.com.

Type in any word.

Click on a listing

and branch off

from there.

Happy surfing!

LEARN THE QUESTIONS TO ASK MILITARY RECRUITERS

> **To find the questions** to ask recruiters to get the real information about military benefits, go to www.afsc.org/youthmil/resources and click on "Do you know enough to Enlist" or get tips about the enlistment form from Sgt. Abe, the Honest Recruiter at www.quakerhouse.org. Be sure to take someone with you, get promises in writing; do some searching for the real story on how long you'll be committed if you join.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ncchoicesforyouth@gmail.com

What's Next After High School?



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The Options are endless...

THINK OUT OF THE BOX!

- > **Be a forest fire fighter.** Search the web for “fire-fighter training” or visit <http://edu.usresponders.com> or <http://people.howstuffworks.com/firefighter-training.com>
- > **Learn to be a musher,** guiding dogsleds and caring for kennels. Check out www.mushing.com/resources or go to www.durangodogranch.com/job.html
- > **Become a farrier,** shoeing horses and earning good money. Go to www.horseshoes.com/schools/fullist/cmpfrsll.htm.
- > **Intern at the Elephant Sanctuary** in Tennessee. Visit www.elephants.com/volunteer.htm or email Joanna@elephants.com.
- > **Be a wolfpack intern** for three months at the International Wolf Center in Minnesota. Visit www.wolf.org/wolves/aboutus/intern.asp.

LEARN A SKILL

- > **Learn to build a guitar.** Check out www.laguitarfactory.com in Charlotte, NC, or email nickersonguitars@hotmail.com in Asheville.
- > **Learn to run your own small farm** or about biofuels at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC. Call 1-919-542-6495, ext. 229 or visit www.cccc.edu/programs/sustainable_agriculture.html or www.cccc.edu/programs/biofuels/index.html.

- > **Learn organic farming**—in North Carolina, the U.S., or one of sixty-six different countries. Get room and board in return for your work. International: World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms at www.woof.org; Southeast US: Southeastern Willing Workers on Organic Farms, e-mail sewwoof@crosswinds.net or write PO Box 134, Bonlee, NC 27213; Northeast US: New England Small Farm Institute, call 1-413-323-4531 or email programs@smallfarm.org, or write P.O. Box 608, Belchertown, MA 01007.
- > **Live and volunteer in the great outdoors.** Volunteer for one to six months building trails, constructing shelters and bridges or restoring habitat with the Student Conservation Association. Get room and board and college credit. Visit www.thesca.org, call 1-603-543-1700, or email joinus@thesca.org.

TRAIN FOR A JOB

- > **Free job training program tailored for you!** Train for a career in a high-growth NC industry at one of four sites in North Carolina. Call 1-800-733-5627 or go to www.jobcorps.dol.gov.
- > **Earn while you learn!** Learn skills, get the work done, and get the job. Go to NC Department of Labor apprenticeship listings www.nclabor.com/appren or for the latest listings call 1-919-562-4946.
- > **Get three years of job training for free.** Check out the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Pennsylvania. A few slots can be filled by non-PA residents who meet all the criteria. Visit www.williamson.edu or email ebailey@williamson.edu or call 1-610-566-1776.

- > **For more job info,** go to www.ncesc.com, the North Carolina Employment securities Commission, or www.ncsdllc.org or www.acinet.org/acinet for America's Career InfoNet.

SERVE YOUR COUNTRY

- > **AmeriCorps**
AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps). Live and work with a team of a dozen 18-24 year-olds. You might build nature trails, help with disaster relief, or tutor children. In return, get meals, housing, health insurance, and an education allowance of \$4,725 each term. Or join AmeriCorps*State and National and work with Habitat for Humanity or the Red Cross. AmeriCorps*VISTA helps low-income people build skills. Visit www.americorps.org or call 1-800-942-2677 or email questions@americorps.org.
- > **Public Allies**
In Raleigh-Durham, Public Allies offers 10-month leadership training and team service internships for people ages 18-30. With a stipend of \$15,000 annually, you get health insurance, child care, interest-free student loan deferment, and a post-service education award of \$4,725 for past student loans or future education. Visit www.publicallies.org or call 1-919-530-5368.

CHECK OUT “WHAT’S NEXT” WEBSITE FOR IDEAS ABOUT:

- > MAKING TRANSITIONS
- > TAKING A YEAR OFF
- > WHERE DO I FIND AN INTERNET?
- > BASICS TRAINING: FINDING SHELTER, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION

Want more ideas? Visit www.ncchoicesforyouth.org