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NEW VISIONS
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**COLLEGE
IS
POSSIBLE**

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Good to Go
College & Career Ready

**DON'T THINK YOU'RE
CUT OUT FOR COLLEGE?
THINK AGAIN.**



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**There is a place for any student
who wants to go to college.
Don't let fear of the unknown
keep you from going.**

Many colleges have programs to support students who need some extra help. You might want to enroll in a two-year college to strengthen your skills before transferring to a four-year institution. Your high school guidance counselor can help figure out what's best for you.

Yes, college is expensive, but **many resources are available to help cover the cost**, including grants, scholarships and low-interest student loans. Most students get some form of financial aid. Often, this makes going to college possible despite financial constraints.

Did you know?

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by the U.S. government and most colleges to determine students' financial aid needs. Make sure you fill one out! Get more information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Your guidance counselor can help you find grants and scholarships to apply for. Also ask the financial aid offices at the colleges where you're applying what scholarships and student work programs they offer. Check out the annual New York City scholarship guide posted at www.newvisions.org.

You can **start exploring** what colleges meet your needs and interests as early as ninth grade. **Visit college Web sites and campuses** to get a sense of the type of school you would like to attend and learn what the admissions requirements are. Then, throughout high school, make sure you're taking the necessary classes and exams to meet those requirements. Your guidance counselor is a great resource to help in the process.

All your hard work *will* pay off. College graduates earn an average of 57 percent more than high school graduates. **Are you good to go?**