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A Parent & Counselor Guide to the Skilled Trades

Why consider the trades?

2.1 million skilled jobs are projected to go unfilled. Median pay for experienced electricians is about \$62,000/yr (BLS) — often reached without college debt.

Explore together — free, no login

- Career quiz: which trade fits your student
- College debt vs. trade earnings calculator
- Real wage data for 20 trades (official sources)
- 905+ training programs & apprenticeships to browse

Questions to discuss as a family

- What does your student enjoy building, fixing, or solving?
- Would they prefer earning while learning (apprenticeship)?
- What programs exist within 50 miles?
- How does projected debt compare to starting pay?

Trusted by educators

"We have made their sites available to our students as a great resource to understand and learn about skilled trades." — Niagara College