

Personal Career Action Plan

Set a "SMART" goal to find out all you can about the careers that interest you. If you already know your career goals, target the specific education and skills you will need. If you are still looking for the career path that's right for you, record the things you observed at **JA CareerIgnite**.

SMART GOAL

Specific: What will you accomplish?

Measurable: How will you know when you have reached your goal?

Attainable: Is achieving your goal realistic? Do you have the resources you need?

Relevant: What does this goal mean to your life?

Time-bound: When is the end date?

The careers that interest me today:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

To find out more, I will:

- ☐ Reach out to professionals in the field.
- ☐ Research colleges or trade schools that teach the job skills I'll need.
- ☐ Research careers online.
- ☐ Seek an internship.
- ☐ Talk to my school's career counselor.

EDUCATION

Careers often have a minimum education requirement. How much education do you think you will need to begin your first career job? If you have not chosen a career, select the minimum you think you will need.

- ☐ High School Diploma
- ☐ 2 years of college or technical school (Associate's Degree or Certification)
- ☐ 4 years of college (Bachelor's Degree)
- ☐ 5+ years of college (Advanced Degree)

PERSONAL GOAL

Two things I can do today to help me reach my educational goal (for instance, attending college fairs, researching and applying for scholarships):

1 .

2 .

Help I will need reaching my goal:

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ONLINE CAREER RESOURCES

Junior Achievement online resource apps will help you create and build a career goal. They are available at <https://connect.ja.org/apps/>, Google Play, and the Apple App Store to help you with your career goals.

JA My Way™

JA My Way is designed to help you find a great career, learn about saving and budgeting, and discover how to start a business. This free resource uses personality tests, online games, assessment tools, and educational resources to provide you with helpful information on topics that are important to you. Visit <https://connect.ja.org/JAMyway/>.

JA Access Your Future®

JA Access Your Future is an app that helps you break down the costs of achieving your career goals into real, easy-to-understand numbers. It helps you explore potential future income from a desired career and evaluate the cost of post-secondary education. You can assess more than 100 careers, see what levels of education are required, and calculate the cost of education. You can then adjust the level of money you and your parents may contribute, combined with student loans you may need. The app is available on Google Play and Apple.

JA Assembling Your Career™

JA Assembling Your Career provides practical information about STEM careers and ways for middle and high school students to prepare for these high-demand careers while still in school. Access the app at <https://jausa.ja.org/programs/supplements/ja-assembling-your-career>.