



“DON'T ASK KIDS WHAT THEY *WANT TO BE* WHEN THEY GROW UP BUT *WHAT PROBLEMS DO THEY WANT TO SOLVE*. THIS CHANGES THE CONVERSATION FROM WHO DO I WANT TO WORK FOR, TO **WHAT DO I NEED TO LEARN TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.**”

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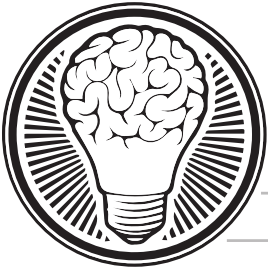
Having trouble figuring out what you want to do?

Don't know how to answer the recurring question from adults, “What are you going to do?” Is the best answer you can come up with “go to college?” Well, “going to college” isn't the answer. It may be a part of the journey, or it may not.

Ask yourself, “What problem(s) do I want to solve? What gets me up in the morning? What keeps me up at night? What can I do to make a difference in the lives of others? How can I help the planet I live on be a better place?”



Look for the knowledge, skills, actions and careers that you can apply to solving the problems that concern you.



Aptitude is an inborn potential to do something. It may be physical or intellectual. Outstanding aptitude is a **TALENT**.

	I'm naturally good at (talented):
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	Developing talent means choosing to take a natural talent and learning how to develop it to mastery, becoming an expert at it. I'd like to become a real master at:
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	Ability is something you have learned to do well. It is acquired skills or knowledge, something you have learned how to do well. I might not be naturally talented at it but I've learned how to do it (abilities). I'm good at:
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If you think it, write it.



Careers

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- Plan Your Education
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