

Not everyone chooses to go to a college/university. Discuss the reasons (causes) that make a person to decide to go to college/university.

It is very surprising that even a hundred years ago people with tertiary education constituted only 7 percent of the whole population of the world. However, these days, the number considerably increased and 17 percent of people in the world have at least undergraduate degree. Considering such an increase of interest in going to colleges, there are several reasons of students deciding to attend universities.

The first cause of younger people selecting universities is motivation for obtaining a rewarding job in the future. This enthusiasm might be a result of a student observing a career of those who are older and more experienced, such as parents, relatives, or high school seniors. A junior may hear attention-grabbing stories about office life from the aforementioned people and start being interested in working at office, which, in turn, requires at least a bachelor's degree. Moreover, a student may be motivated by seeing a huge apartment, an expensive car or luxury lifestyle of the people, who work in high positions that claim tertiary education is crucial in a career ladder. Consequently, it may arise desire in a student to go to college to obtain higher education. Additionally, a student may watch interviews of famous politics and well-known entrepreneurs, who have high status in society who, share the piece of advice about importance of college experience in their life. This, also, can motivate a student to decide to go to university. Thus, desire of having prosperous future career is one of the causes of a person choosing to go to college.

The other reason of a person going to a college is their parents' persuasion. Majority of parents want their children to be educated and obtain a university degree. Therefore, parents try to convince their children to go to college. Since youngsters are mentally dependent on their parents, they often follow the parent's opinion and decide to go to college. Also, going to college requires

huge amount of money for tuition fee and living allowances that most of students cannot afford paying on their own. Thus, majority of parents cover their children's expenses of obtaining tertiary education. Therefore, students may not worry about the financial side of the education and prefer going to college when their parents are willing to provide them with all the necessities for obtaining an undergraduate degree. Considering these facts, parents play an important role in persuading their children to go to university.

Finally, some students consider going to college as there is no other better choice. They think that life consists of pre-defined stages, such as study, work, marriage, and happy family life. As a result, they prefer going to universities as they do not want to break the life chain. Moreover, high school graduates are very young to start working in a company; thus, it is very hard for them to find a satisfactory job. Although, they are managed to find a prospective position, majority of their colleagues will be much older, which may cause inconvenience because of the age difference. The only way left for a youngster to be in the community with people in similar age is going to a university. In fact, absence of other choice is another reason of some students deciding to go to college.

In conclusion, due to availability of abundant number of colleges, obtaining tertiary education became more accessible when compared to 100 years ago. Therefore, most people prefer going to college for several reasons. The most popular causes of youngsters deciding to go to universities are motivation gained from older people, persuasion of their parents, and availability of no better choice.