

# CAREER CONNECTIONS

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## Try a Career On for Size: **VOLUNTEER!**

**Teacher? Veterinarian? Chef? Social Worker? You've thought about so many different careers, but which is right for you?**

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to try a career on for size—and strengthen your community ties at the same time. Think about your special interests and skills, and how you might use these to help others. You'll also need to consider how much time you have to spend in a volunteer activity. Most cities/counties have volunteer websites that make it easy to search for volunteer opportunities close to your home. You might want to become involved in community service projects such as:

- **Preparing/serving food for the homeless**
- **Aiding at a nursing home**
- **Cleaning up a community park**
- **Mentoring a child in math or reading**
- **Rehabilitating animals in an animal shelter**

In addition to the great feeling you'll get by helping others out, you'll gain valuable work experience and see what a career is like "from the inside." You'll also meet new people who have established careers. Interview these people and learn about how they got started in their career field and what kind of training you might need to enter that career field.



**START THINKING**  
about your career today.

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### What's **Your** Interest?

#### REALISTIC

You like practical, hands-on activities, such as designing, building, and repairing machinery. You may also enjoy working outside with plants and animals.

#### INVESTIGATIVE

You prefer analytical or intellectual activities such as reading, studying, investigating, evaluating, and problem solving.

#### ARTISTIC

You like work that involves expressing oneself in original activities such as writing, dancing, singing, sculpting, and painting.

#### SOCIAL

You like personal interaction with people such as helping, teaching, counseling, or otherwise to be of service to others.

#### ENTERPRISING

You like to persuade, influence, and direct others. You like work that is fast-paced, requires a lot of responsibility and decision making, and requires taking risks for profit.

#### CONVENTIONAL

You prefer work that involves establishing or maintaining orderly and accurate records, procedures, and routines.

There's only one way to find out for sure. **Take part in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program.** Turn the page to find out more!

## CAREER TOOLS: DESIGNED FOR YOU

**Has this happened to you?** You take a career quiz and get a list of only 2-3 careers. None of these really appeals to you. You think to yourself, "Wow, is this all there is for me?"

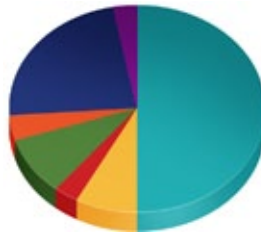
The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is different. It doesn't choose a career for you. Instead, you choose your possible career paths. Makes sense, doesn't it? You know the most about yourself—your interests, your skills, your work values. You should be making key decisions about your future.

## WHAT WILL I DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

That choice is up to you. We surveyed high school students who participated in the ASVAB Program and here's what they thought they'd do after high school:

### Career Intentions of ASVAB Program Participants\*

- 50% - 4-yr College
- 8% - 2-yr College
- 3% - Vo-Tech
- 9% - Military
- 4% - Work
- 23% - Undecided
- 3% - Unknown



\*SY 2007-08

As you can see, the **ASVAB Program** is for all students, not just those interested in military service.

Whether you're planning on college, a vocational school, or you're just not sure yet, the **ASVAB Program** can provide you with important information about your skills, abilities, and interests—and help set you on the right course for a satisfying career.



## Your Future BEGINS NOW!

*Don't get stuck in a career that doesn't fit. Make plans now to take the courses you need for the career path that fits your interests and skills.*

**Check out the Career Planning Tools in the Plan for your Future** section of the website.

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## SIGN UP TODAY!

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program will be testing at your school:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

## TRIVIA QUESTION

How many high school students participate in the ASVAB Program each year?

- 10,000
- 50,000
- 250,000
- Over 600,000

(Answers at bottom.)

## FREE STUFF!

**When you participate in the ASVAB Program, you get access to FREE career tools:**

- **ASVAB Test** – multi-aptitude test in eight areas such as science, word knowledge, mathematics, and mechanical comprehension.
- **FYI** – an interest inventory that you use to discover your work-related interests.
- **OCCU-Find** – a list of 400+ occupations with detailed descriptions of each.