LEARNING EXPERIENCE BRIEF

JA Afford Your Future®

▶ Financial Literacy ▶ Work and Career Readiness

Understanding the financial commitment of college is crucial when considering the long-term impact on one's financial health and career path.

JA Afford Your Future provides teens, young adults, and their families the opportunity to explore career income and education funding options to ensure they can afford their ideal future. The website offers tools and resources that enable users to make career and education choices and avoid too much college debt.

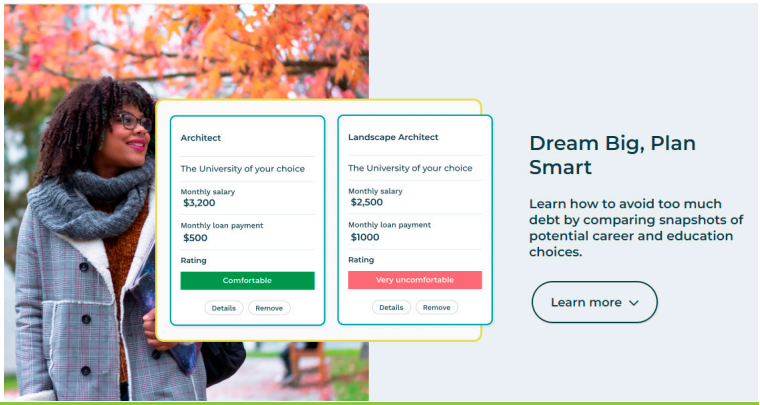
By offering step-by-step guidance, users can compare potential combinations of career, education, and funding by creating multiple individualized snapshots, allowing them to make an informed decision to maximize future career earnings, minimize college debt, and ensure their economic empowerment.

KEY FEATURES

- Explore various careers and related starting salaries.
- Search for colleges and estimated tuition.
- Analyze how to pay for college with various funding sources using a simple calculator.
- Determine what loans may be needed.
- Create and compare multiple snapshots featuring an affordability rating of one's postgraduate financial future.
- Spotlights helpful articles, links, and references about career planning and education funding sources and strategies.

RESOURCE ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Can be accessed at https://career.ja.org/ayf via computer or mobile device.
- Can be used independently or in conjunction with JA Here to Career® at https://career.ja.org, JA Connect® at https://connect.ja.org, or other JA learning experiences.



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