Name:

Where are you going with your life?

Indicate the electronic sources you used to find this information below. You must have a minimum of **three**.

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Extra:

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1. What are you hoping to do with your future? (It can not be something you chance like professional football player. It must be something with certainty. Also, I have never met a student whose top admiration was working in a fast food chain/Wal\*Mart at minimum wage, so that will not work either.) Be serious!

2. What kind of major/minor must you get in order to work in that field?

3. Read the article fully before you respond. <http://media.miamiherald.com/static/media/projects/pin/how-much-is-enough/>

Also, check out the living wage calculator and see if you will make enough money to live. <http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/12086>

4. How much money does the average person make in that career? This is how it splits for the average American that is not in debt.

What is the mean wage of your future career? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Figure out your percentiles in the space provided.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 30%** Housing  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10%** Utilities and other housing expenditures (including renters insurance)  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_15%** Food (at-home and away)  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10%** Transportation (including car loan)  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10%** Debt repayment (student loans and credit cards)  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10%** Saving  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5%**  Clothing  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5%**  Entertainment  
**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5%**   Car insurance and miscellaneous personal expenses

If you want to know more, check out: [http://www.kiplinger.com/article/spending/T050-C006-S001-cost-of-living-reality-check.html#OjdWtvv8zhUs4vpL.99](http://www.kiplinger.com/article/spending/T050-C006-S001-cost-of-living-reality-check.html%23OjdWtvv8zhUs4vpL.99)

Does your career make enough money to live off? Explain your thinking.

5. What is the likelihood of getting a job in your career of choice?

6. List three places you can possibly go to pursue this career. If you have changed your career choice, redo questions 1-5 so it applies.

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| **School/Apprenticeship/Military** | **Cost** | **Employability Rating** |
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7. Are your grades and ACT scores good enough to potentially be accepted there? If not, list three places that have a greater accept you.

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| **School/Apprenticeship/Military** | **Average GPA** | **Average ACT/SAT score** |
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8. For the number that you do not have the scores to get into, replace them with schools/apprenticeships that you can get into.

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| **School/Apprenticeship/Military** | **Cost** | **Employability Rating** |
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Put a CIRCLE around your ideal/realistic scenario. Don’t forget you can

always transfer somewhere else.

9. What other careers can you do in that major in case you decide this is not the career for you?

10. Now that you have thought about these things, what is your plan for next year? (Nothing and couch surfing are not realistic options.)