



CALIFORNIA OPPORTUNITY EXPLORER™

*Big Dreams
Bright Future
Endless
Opportunities*

A TEEN'S GUIDE TO OPPORTUNITIES

IN CALIFORNIA

Discover. Explore. Grow.
Your Future Starts Here.

- EDUCATION
- JOBS
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- VOLUNTEER & GIVE BACK
- LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

DISCOVER YOUR PASSION

TAKE ACTION TODAY

BUILD YOUR TOMORROW

CALIFORNIA TEEN OPPORTUNITIES



EXPLORE. CONNECT. GET INVOLVED.

There are so many ways to grow, learn, and lead in California!



JOBS & CAREERS

Start your journey and gain real-world experience.

- Part-time Jobs
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Summer Jobs



TIP: Check local job boards, libraries, and community centers!



PARKS & RECREATION

Get active and enjoy California's outdoors.

- Hiking & Trails
- Beaches & Lakes
- Sports Programs
- Youth Camps



TIP: Visit your city or county parks department website!



ARTS & CULTURE

Express yourself and explore your creativity.

- Art Classes
- Music Programs
- Theater & Dance
- Museums & Events



TIP: Many programs are free or low-cost for California teens!



LIBRARIES & LEARNING

Your library is more than books!

- Free Tutoring
- STEM Programs
- Computer Access
- Study Spaces



TIP: Explore events and programs at your local library!



VOLUNTEER & GIVE BACK

Make a difference in your community.

- Animal Shelters
- Environmental Projects
- Food Banks
- Mentoring Programs



TIP: Volunteering builds skills and looks great on your résumé!



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Step up. Lead. Inspire.

- Student Government
- Leadership Camps
- Youth Councils
- Peer Mentoring



TIP: Leaders aren't born. They take action!



OPPORTUNITY IS EVERYWHERE. YOU JUST HAVE TO EXPLORE IT!



*Dream it.
Plan it.
Do it in California!*



CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATION



INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!

California offers amazing resources to help you learn, grow, and achieve your dreams.



COLLEGE RESOURCES

Plan, prepare, and pursue your college goals.

- California Colleges
- UC & CSU Systems
- Community Colleges
- FAFSA & Financial Aid
- College Planning Tools



TIP:

Start early! College planning today makes tomorrow easier.



TRADE & CAREER PROGRAMS

Build skills. Get certified. Launch your career.

- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Apprenticeships
- Industry Certifications
- Skilled Trades Programs
- Workforce Development



TIP:

Your future career could start with one skill.



SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Find money for school – you don't have to do it alone.

- California Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- Grants & Financial Aid
- FAFSA & CADAA
- Tips for Winning



TIP:

Apply to as many scholarships as you can – every one counts!



STEM OPPORTUNITIES

Science. Technology. Engineering. Math. Your future starts here.

- STEM Programs & Camps
- Competitions & Challenges
- Internships & Research
- Coding & Tech Resources
- Robotics & Innovation



TIP:

Curiosity today. Innovation tomorrow.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS

Turn your ideas into impact and income.

- Startup Programs
- Business Competitions
- Mentorship & Coaching
- Small Business Resources
- Youth Biz Grants



TIP:

Big ideas can start small. Take the first step!

SUCCESS STARTS WITH YOU!

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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

– Eleanor Roosevelt



Explore your options. Take action. Your California. Your future. Your time.

NEXT STEPS:



RESEARCH
your options



SET GOALS
for your future



TAKE ACTION
and go for it!

You've got this, Cali Kid!



CALIFORNIA FUTURE BUILDER CHALLENGE™



TAKE ACTION TODAY. BUILD YOUR TOMORROW.

Complete the challenge below and become a California Future Builder!



LEARN ABOUT ONE NEW CAREER

Explore a career you're curious about.



RESEARCH ONE SCHOLARSHIP

Find a scholarship you could apply for.



EXPLORE ONE BUSINESS IDEA

Think of a business that could solve a problem or help your community.



ATTEND ONE COMMUNITY EVENT

Get involved and see what's happening in your community.



VOLUNTEER ONCE

Give your time. Make a difference.



CREATE ONE GOAL

Write down one goal you will work on this month.



BONUS IDEAS!

Keep Growing!



- Join a club or program.
- Read a book that inspires you.
- Visit a college campus or trade school.
- Start a savings habit.
- Build your network – meet new people.



CALIFORNIA FUTURE BUILDER

★ CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT ★

This certifies that

has taken steps toward a brighter future by exploring opportunities, building skills, and making a difference in their community.



Date

You've Got This!





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THE FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT...
BECAUSE YOU'RE BUILDING IT!



Opportunities are everywhere.
Go find yours!



CALIFORNIA TEEN SUCCESS MAP



DREAM IT. PLAN IT. LIVE IT.

Use this map to explore your dreams and create a plan to build your future in California!



1. DREAM CAREER

What is your dream career?

Why does it excite you?

Skills you want to build:

- _____
- _____
- _____



2. DREAM BUSINESS

What business idea lights you up?

Who would you help?

First steps I can take:

- _____
- _____
- _____



3. DREAM EDUCATION

Where do you see yourself learning?

College, Trade School, or Other?

What do you need to get there?

- _____
- _____
- _____



4. DREAM SKILLS

What skills will take you further?

How will these skills help your future?

Skills I will practice this year:

- _____
- _____
- _____



5. GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

- ★ Goal #1 _____ Target Date: _____
- ★ Goal #2 _____ Target Date: _____
- ★ Goal #3 _____ Target Date: _____

REMEMBER:

You don't have to have it all figured out. You just have to take the next right step!



YOU'VE GOT THIS!



BIG DREAMS



SMART PLAN



DAILY ACTION



BRIGHT FUTURE

