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Why Are College Admissions Down

There are infinite reasons as to why college admissions are down in this generation. Some would believe that college education shouldn’t have such a higher cost rate, as we have today, since our technological abilities to reach more students’ around the world, rather than just a local region only. On the other hand, it could be that the benefits of having a college education is declining because the cost of living is steadily rising. Or just maybe it’s the thought process of, is obtaining a higher education even worth the time and effort that’s required. It all depends on the person who’s making the decision on whether to pursue for a college degree or just jump into the workplace for the experience. There’s just too many different motive’s as to why the admission rate has decreased and it’s not that people hate higher education. It’s the economy being more worried about needing a second job for their lifestyle habits, or high school students already have good paying jobs before they graduate, and of course there’s the student debt that’s leftover for obtaining that college education.

While the cost of living increases annually, there’s been more individuals than ever before that have multiple jobs at the same time. One of the main reasons for this is because they need one job that pays the bills and another job for their lifestyle habits. Having multiple jobs leaves no time for higher education and therefore the quest for knowledge has been supplemented by more motivations like the paycheck.

Some might say that high school students that came from families without a history of going to college, they won’t attend college either. Rather they’ve graduated high school and jumped right into the labor market, therefore no higher education would be required. Or maybe it’s the idea of, obtaining a degree will only provide a small improvement or advantage in the job, compared to just having their high school diploma.

There is more student debt than ever before so consequently, the value of a college degree is not what it once was, and people would rather not have that debt. Even though obtaining that knowledge from higher education meant making more money and having a more rewarding life. However, with fewer amounts of scholars attending college means higher price to pay for those that are attending.

No matter the reason, if the cost of college education would decrease more people would have the incentive to obtain a higher education whether they use their degree or not.