



# Welcome to the Real World:

## Understanding the Cost of Living and the Power of Education



Imagine you've just turned 18. You're on your own, responsible for rent, food, utilities, transportation, and all the things your parents have been paying for your entire life. How much does it really cost to run a household? How do your parents manage? More importantly, how does education impact a person's ability to afford a better life? This 90-minute seminar, "Welcome to the Real World," aims to show middle school students the true cost of living, how education impacts income, and why choosing a career based on earning potential is crucial. By the end of this seminar, students will understand why going to college can drastically improve their future standard of living.

### Topics include:

#### **The True Cost of Running a Household**

Students are encouraged to research careers with strong earning potential before making decisions about college and training programs. They will also learn about scholarships, financial aid, and free career resources to make higher education accessible.

#### **How Education Affects Income Levels**

This session includes real-world testimonials from people who struggled without education and those who benefited from a degree. It emphasizes that education is an investment that leads to higher-paying jobs and a better standard of living.

#### **Choosing a Career Based on Earning Potential**

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#### **The Power of Education and Smart Career Choices**

At the end of this seminar, students will have a clear understanding of why education is important. They will be encouraged to:

- Aim for higher education to increase their income potential
- Think about career earnings, not just interests
- Make smart financial choices early in life

Students will also receive an action plan with steps to explore college and career paths that offer financial stability.

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