

Family Lesson: Home After High School: Student Worksheet

Goal: You will reflect on your postsecondary education, housing, finance, and emotional priorities in order to identify key factors that will influence your decisions after high school.

Part I: Reflect

Review the checklists below and check off the items that reflect your plans and/or resonate with you.

✓ Postsecondary Education

- Community College
- 4-year College (i.e. CSU, UC, independent)
- Other (i.e. straight to the workforce or military)
- I do not know. Explain:

✓ Housing

- On-campus college housing (i.e. dormitory)
- Where I live now
- With friends or other family members
- I do not know yet

✓ Financial Support

- Work study job during the school year at my college
- Temporary job during college breaks
- Parental support
- I am worried about how I will support myself
- I will need to help support my family
- Other:

✓ Emotions

- I know I can always go back to the place I call home now
- I worry my home will not feel like home if I decide to leave after high school
- I worry college will not feel like home
- I have people in my life who make me feel at home.

Part II: Journal

- Sign in to [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://www.californiacolleges.edu). Go to **My Plan** and then **My Journal**. In the **College Journal** section, find **prompt #02**:
“How do you define “home”? Do you plan to leave home after you graduate from high school? Why or why not? Is this a choice you are making on your own? Are you making the decision with your family?”

Part III: Share

Choose a parent, older sibling, or other family member with whom you are close, and together, reflect on what “home” means to you. What will home look and feel like after you graduate from high school?