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Some people think that to be successful and smart, you need to go to at least four years of college, but that is not true. Many well-paying jobs do not require you to go to college. When I grow up, I want to be a carpenter. I am interested in this because I am good with my hands and have great problem-solving skills. I am also very good at math. Not only am I good at these things, but I like doing them too.

Carpenters perform many different tasks. They have to buy tools and make sure they have all of the equipment needed for the job. Some jobs supply the equipment and others don't. Then they go to the job site and check it out, and if they decide to do it, they must tell whoever they will be working for how much everything would cost. Commercial jobs are big buildings, and a non-commercial job is a smaller building or a smaller task, such as building a deck for a house.

Carpentry is just exciting for me. I love pounding every individual nail one by one. They do so much, from reading blueprints to building and remodeling, so I will always have something to do. Carpentry to me is like one big puzzle. The blueprint is the box with the picture of when it's finished, and I must make it look exactly like that. With this job, I have not found one thing that I do not like, including the salary. They get paid from 30,000 to \$85,000 per year and if you own your own business, probably more.

My alarm goes off at 6:30 and I jump. I see the time "ALREADY!". I put on my jeans and a long sleeve shirt and head to the bathroom. I brush my teeth and I'm on my way to the kitchen. I snatch the lunch that I made the night before, and I am out the door. I pull up to the job, after about an hour's drive, stretch, grab the tools I will need for the day, and get to it. I get to the third floor of the soon to be hotel and realize I forgot the grinder. I need it to cut all of the ends off the nails. I run back down the stairs, grab my grinder, and head back up. When I am done working for about eight hours. I head home. When I pull up, I take a shower and jump in bed for a nap. I'M EXHAUSTED!

Being good with my hands, having great math and problem-solving skills, are the strengths I have to be a good carpenter, and you do not need to go to four-year college to do it, and I will prove exactly that. I will prove it by becoming a carpenter living a happy life and having everything I need and want all without going to four-year college.