

There are many barriers or obstacles people face when they decide to go to college. It is important to understand these barriers in order to be able to find ways to overcome them and find a successful path to educational success.

What are the barriers in your path to reaching your educational goals? Please write your barriers are lines below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

You will hear the words on the left in the video that you will view. Please match each word on the left with its synonym on the right by writing the synonym in the space provided. The first has been done for you.

Match the synonyms without reading the sentences from the video. Read the sentences after you have finished. Does the synonym work in the sentence without changing the meaning of the sentence? If not, try again!

Ex.	Unique = <i>distinctive</i>	
1	Perspective =	be classified
2	Identify =	complex
3	Dynamic =	distinctive
4	Impacts =	driving force
5	Undermine =	effects
6	Balance =	inability
7	Commitments =	obligations
8	Complicated =	point of view
9	Failure =	stabilize
10	Unwittingly =	weaken
		without knowing

Sentences from video:

Ex. While all of us have a *unique* story, many of us share common themes, common successes and barriers.

1. It depends on your individual *perspective*.
2. In fact, if you do some research, you will discover there are scholarships and other forms of funding for just about any group of people with which you can *identify*.
3. & 4. Since every family *dynamic* is different, it is no wonder that families can have a wide variety of *impacts*.
5. Some barriers may arrive as something seemingly insignificant, yet *undermine* all of the effort you are making toward your goal.
6. & 7. She wanted to attend college but had no idea how to pay for college, let alone *balance* this with the other *commitments* in her life.
8. Family plays a significant and *complicated* role in a student's decision to pursue college or university.
9. So that's a huge barrier financially because of the *failure* to plan at the beginning, at the front end.
10. Families can be a great source of support or can, *unwittingly*, create barriers for a potential student and their desire for higher education.

What barriers are mentioned in the video? Please write them below.

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Barrier or Solution?

Possible Barrier:

Possible Solutions:

Possible Barrier:

Possible Solutions:

You will hear the sentences below in the video that you will view. Select a word from the box below to each group to complete the sentences. Use each word only once. The first has been done for you.

1. Finding a balance between the commitments you have to your education, your family and your work...is a significant issue and a problem we all face.
2. Finding a solution may be _____.
3. What are your _____ in your life?
4. What would you be willing to _____ or say no to?
5. I'm like the poster child for _____. I wait until the last minute.
6. So, we just always _____ I was going to go to college.
7. Being a _____ person, I had to figure that out.

assumed	delegate	procrastination	physically challenged
balance	priorities	tricky	

8. Another big _____ is that people think since they've committed a crime or got into trouble in the past, that they're not able to get financial aid or able to get funding for school.
9. Stereotyping can play a significant role in creating _____ that are difficult to see, but can have a major impact on students.
10. So sometimes having an accent _____ certain levels of knowledge or lack of knowledge.
11. Their visas _____ during the process of applying for citizenship.
12. They will point you in the direction of others who can help you too, like _____ and support groups.
13. I know I probably changed a whole lot, but it's so much a part of me, so much _____ into my routine, that I don't notice it.

embedded	hurdles	mentors
expired	implies	misconception

Below is a list of barriers or challenges mentioned in the video. Please list all the solutions the students have found to overcome them.

Barriers and Challenges:	Student Solutions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time• Balance of Priorities• Motivation• Lacking Self Confidence• Feeling Alone• Taking Chances• Leaving Comfort Zone• Lacking time management skills• Getting in Trouble with the Law• Returning to School• Failing in School• Lacking Encouragement• Living in a New Culture• Learning a New Language• Lacking family support for education• Misinformation	

What campus resources were mentioned in the video?

- 1.
- 2.
3. Computer access
- 4.
5. Cultural centers
- 6.
7. Back-to-work resources
- 8.
9. Special needs
- 10.

Myths or Stereotypes	
Name:	Definition
Perpetual Foreigner	
Sports	
Model Minority	

In the Pre-Viewing – Discovery Activity, you listed barriers in your personal path to reaching your educational goals. Now let’s think about solutions to those barriers by completing the chart below.

My Barriers:	My Solutions: