

Testimony of Adam Duhamel

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I am a junior at Roosevelt High School. I want to go to college to become an engineer. I was just going to work and save up money for college to become an engineer and then borrow money to pay the rest because my family is poor. I definitely don't want to take out a loan because they kind of rip you off with all the interest. The Pay It Forward program seems like a great idea and you should try it for all the colleges in Oregon, but leave a choice for people. I wonder if someone was to get a scholarship but also do the Pay It Forward program how would that work?

If I go to college to become an engineer I could change a lot in this world. There would be a benefit for all, but if I only graduate high school, I'd probably have to get a menial job, which wouldn't have much of a contribution to society. I heard that our country needs more engineers from a lot of people, and they get paid well, so the colleges' percentage from my future jobs would be high as well.