

WHAT'S A GAP YEAR?

Discover the benefits of a gap year & how to find the right one for you.



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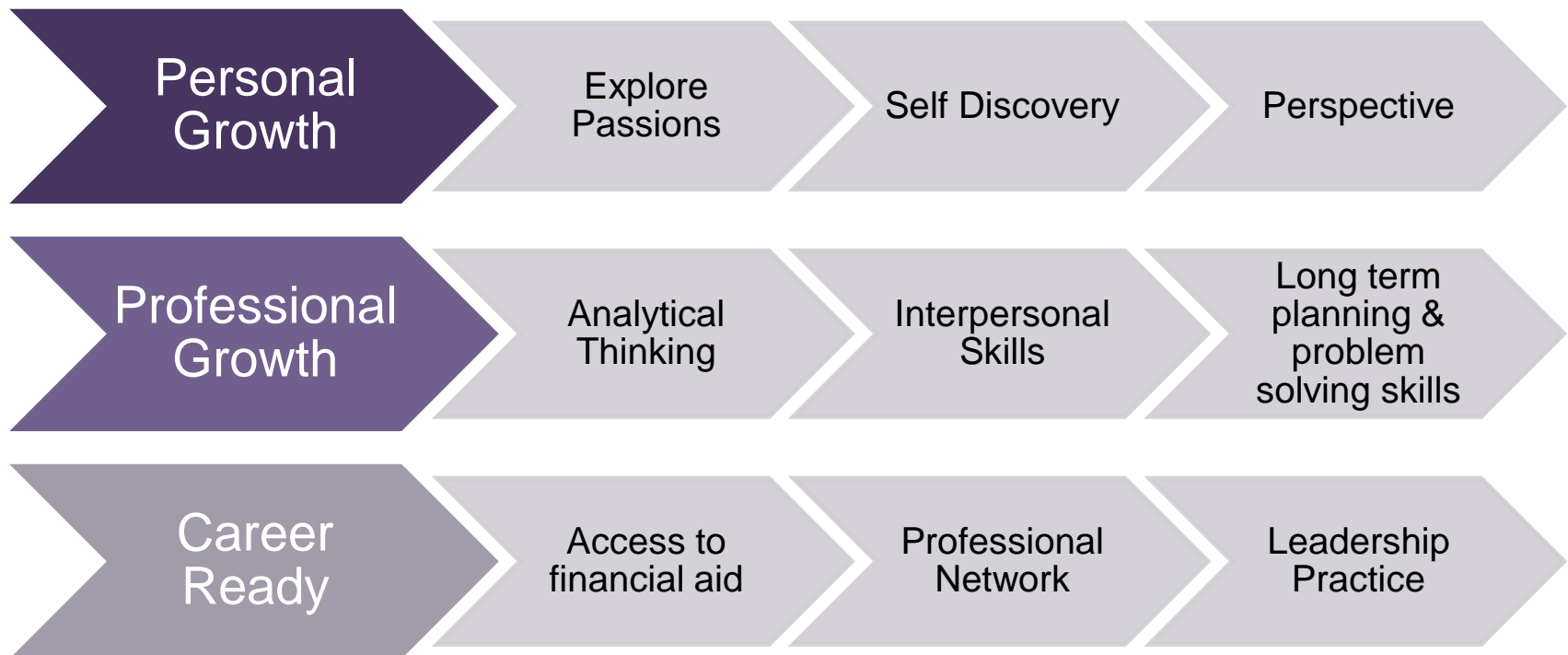
INTRODUCTIONS



Warm Up

- What best describes your familiarity with gap/service year programs?
 - Not at all!
 - I know a little but have questions
 - I have done lot's of research and feel like I know everything there is to know!

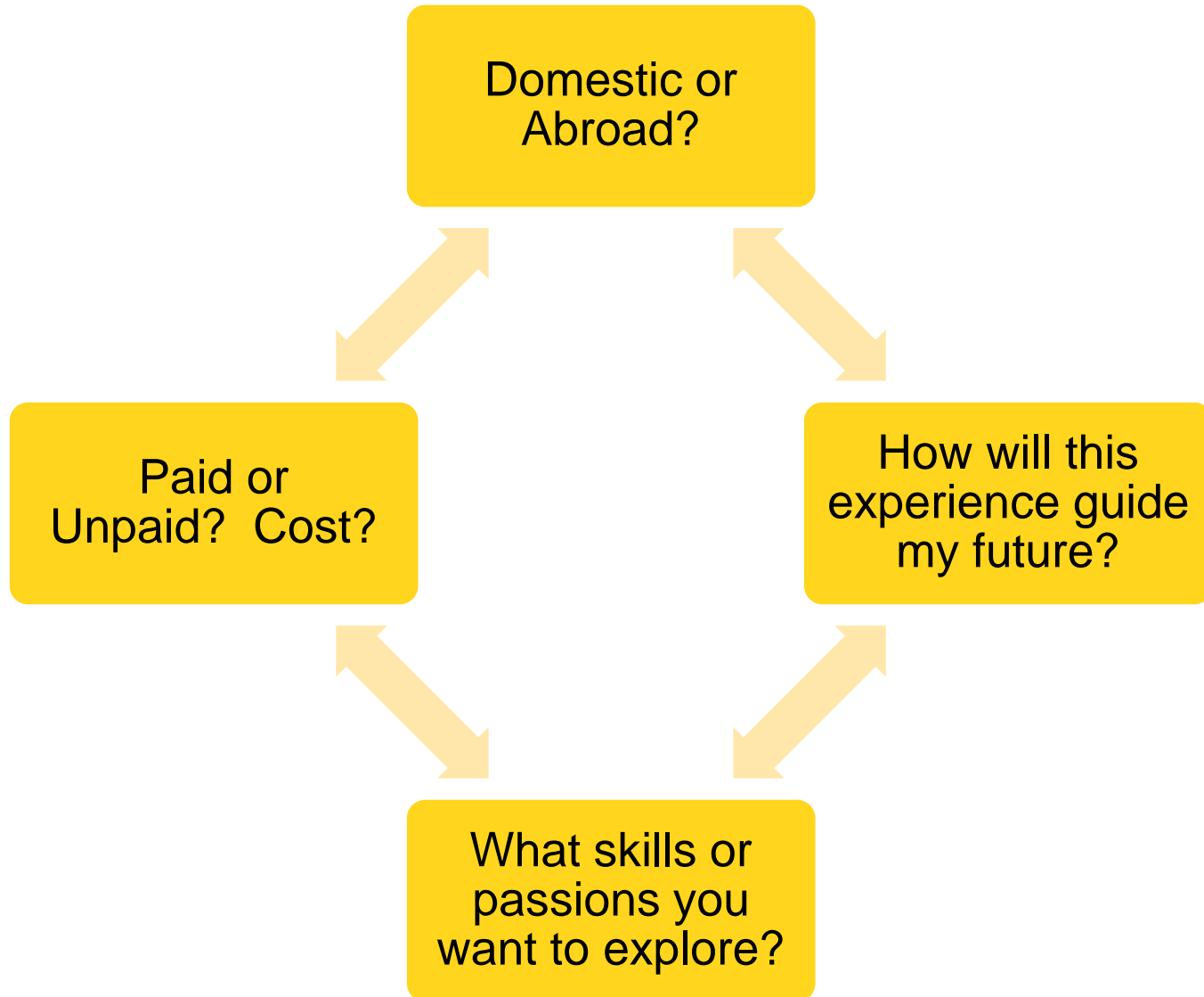
Why a Gap Year?



True or False?

- 1) People who take a service year before graduating from college are 72% less likely to graduate.
- 2) Service year programs don't pay.
- 3) [You can use the AmeriCorps education award to travel.](#)
- 4) Grad Schools look favorably on a service year experience.
- 5) A gap year will take you off course to establishing your career.
- 6) The world would be a better place if everyone if everyone did a service year.

Finding a Gap Year



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Resources

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Guidance conversations with
Career Support Services and
Service Learning Office

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Alumni of Programs and
Recruiters

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News and Blogs

Specific Websites

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ServiceYear.org

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nationalservice.gov/programs

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CatholicVolunteerNetwork.org

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Gooverseas.com

What's the difference?



**STATE &
NATIONAL**

VISTA NCCC





- Education & Youth Mentoring
- Disaster Relief
- Partners with Non-Profits

Education & Youth Mentoring

- City Year
- SAGA Innovations
- Public Allies
- Vista

Notable Differences:

City Year is the largest program, with over 3,000 members yearly and offers a true team experience. SAGA does not have an age cap, pays more, and does work at higher level.

Disaster Relief

- NCCC
- AmeriCorps State and National

Notable Differences:

NCCC is an intense live in program that requires travel.

Partners with Non-Profits

- Public Allies
- AmeriCorps State & National
- VISTA

Notable Differences:

Not all programs offer a team experience and have varying levels of support and infrastructure.

Fields:

Community and Nonprofit
Development
Disaster Services
Economic and Workforce
Development
Education
Energy and Conservation
Health and Nutrition
Legal Assistance
Tribes and Native American
Affairs
Veterans and Military Families
Youth Development and
Mentoring

City Year History



City Year:

Helping students and schools succeed



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3,000 AmeriCorps members



In 29 U.S. locations



In 350 schools



Supporting 226,000 students



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between what schools
are designed to provide

AND

GAP

what students
need to succeed.

ADVERSITY

Students in high-need communities are more likely to face adversity that interferes with their readiness to learn.

RELATIONSHIPS & SUPPORTS

Students need additional supports, grounded in developmental relationships, to thrive.



“My City Year experience took me to new heights”



Terrell Garrett, a City Year Washington, D.C. ’11 alumnus, says he benefited greatly from City Year’s investment in his professional development and personal growth. “City Year was one of the most eye-opening, life-changing experiences I’ve ever had in my life,” Terrell says.

Terrell says. “Having mentors... who were a little older than me to look up to, made me realize I had a lot of potential, and if I didn’t use it for good, I [could] find myself in a bad place.” Terrell decided to pay it forward to other kids who grew up in situations similar to his by joining City Year.

Terrell is now the Director of Teacher Support at One Goal, a program where high school juniors and seniors receive support with the college application process and throughout their first year of college.

MAKE MOVES THAT
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Questions & Answers

Next deadline:

► **May 29**
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ALL STUDENTS CAN
SUCCEED.**

