

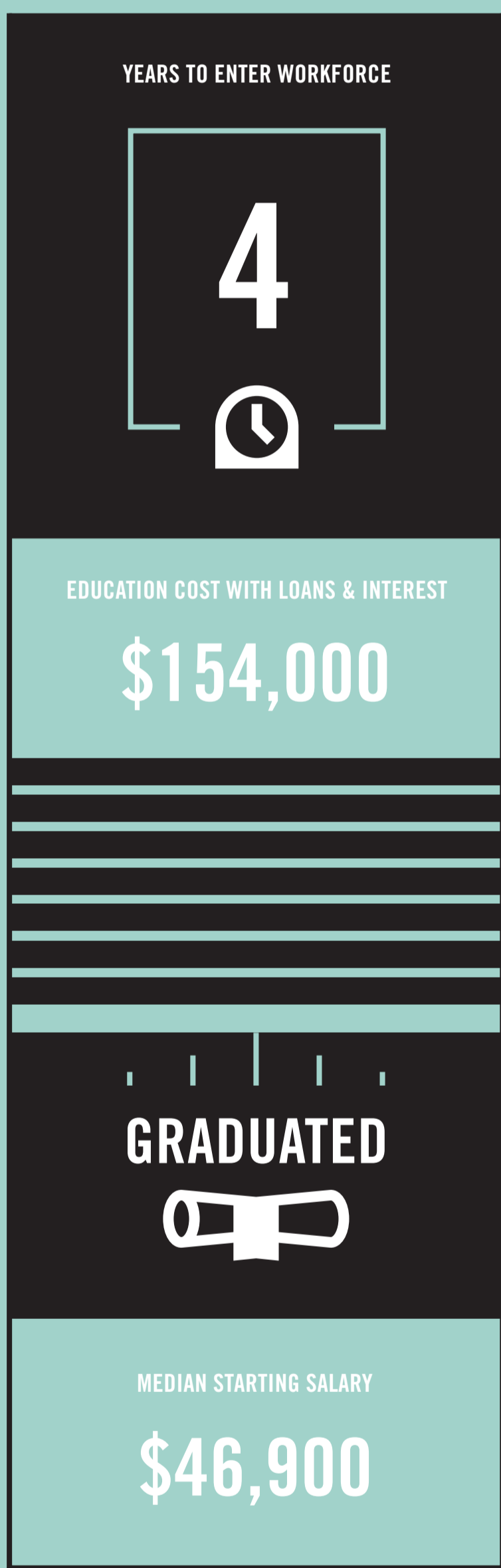
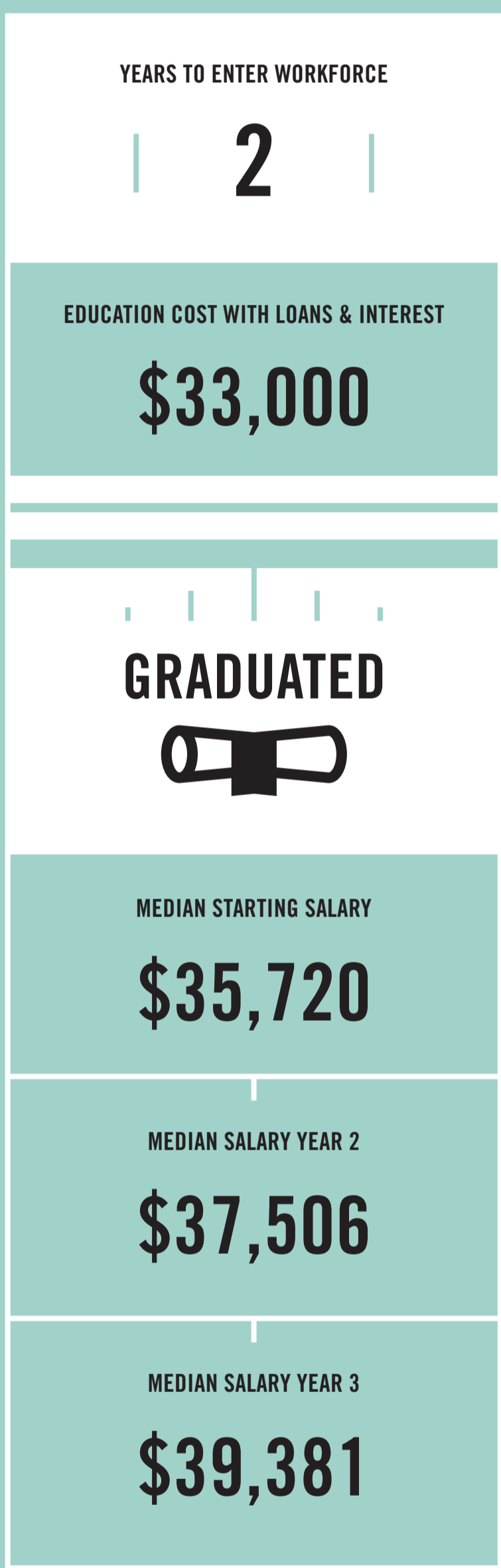
# COLLEGE VS. THE TRADES: WHICH WAY TO GO?

There's more than one path to success, and one of the biggest decisions you'll make is choosing between a four-year college and a different direction, like training in the skilled trades. Let's see how they stack up against each other.

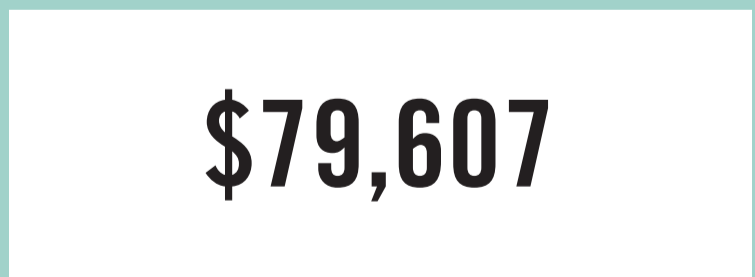


## TRADE SCHOOL

## COLLEGE



### NET EARNINGS MINUS DEBT AFTER 5 YEARS



Estimated additional retirement earnings (over 30 years)  
by starting work and investing two years earlier: \$22,426.40

Source: TBD source for trade school cost with loans. JobsEQ 2018 data is based off of occupational projections data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Projections. The BLS uses the term occupational openings, where JobsEQ uses the term demand, but they are the same. Hamm, Trent. "Why You Should Consider Trade School Instead of College." retrieved from <https://www.thesimpledollar.com>. "Trade School vs. Traditional College." retrieved from <https://careerschoolnow.org>. "Starting Early to Save for Retirement Is Important." retrieved from <https://www.americanfunds.com>.