Personal Life Choices

***Career Planning Assignment***

The purpose of this assignment is to allow you to begin thinking about a possible career choice and the steps that will help you to achieve this career goal. Based upon your own skills and interest, web sites and other resources related to careers and colleges, complete the following outline.

1. Describe the skills and interests you have that lead you to select this career as a possible career choice.
2. What is your career choice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Use the eChoices program from the from the library web page to complete this assignment. Link to Career Finder.
   * Describe your chosen career choice:
   * Working conditions
   * Explain how you know that this career is right for you:
   * Skills list and explain at least 3 necessary skills and two skills that would be helpful but necessary:
   * What to learn, how will you prepare yourself?
     + High School –
     + Post high school (describe two programs available in this career choice) –
     + Required training (certification, licenses, degree?)
   * F. Money & Outlook
     + What are the average earnings?
     + How does the future look for this career?
   * Describe connections that could be helpful to you:
   * Describe related occupations:
3. Using this same resource as well as any other resources that will be helpful information about colleges and schools, select the school that most appeals to you and that offers you the necessary training or degree offered for your chosen career. Answer the following questions:
   * Name of college or school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
     + Address:
     + Phone number:
     + Website:
   * Types of programs offered:
   * Ratio of faculty to students:
   * How difficult is it to be admitted:
   * What are the average tuition costs?
   * What is the deadline for freshman application?
   * What are the admission requirements?
     + Based upon these requirements, explain why you may or may not be accepted. If getting accepted may be a concern, explain what you may be able to do to get accepted.
   * Briefly describe the school:
   * Briefly describe the academic program
   * How many first year students were determined to have financial need?
   * How many first year students had their financial need fully met?
   * Why is this important to know?
4. List two obstacles that might interfere with and/or prevent you from pursuing your college dreams:
   * A.
   * B.
     + What would be your alternative plan if you could not overcome the above obstacles?
5. What did you learn about career planning?
6. What new sources of career planning did you discover?