

# Education Pays!

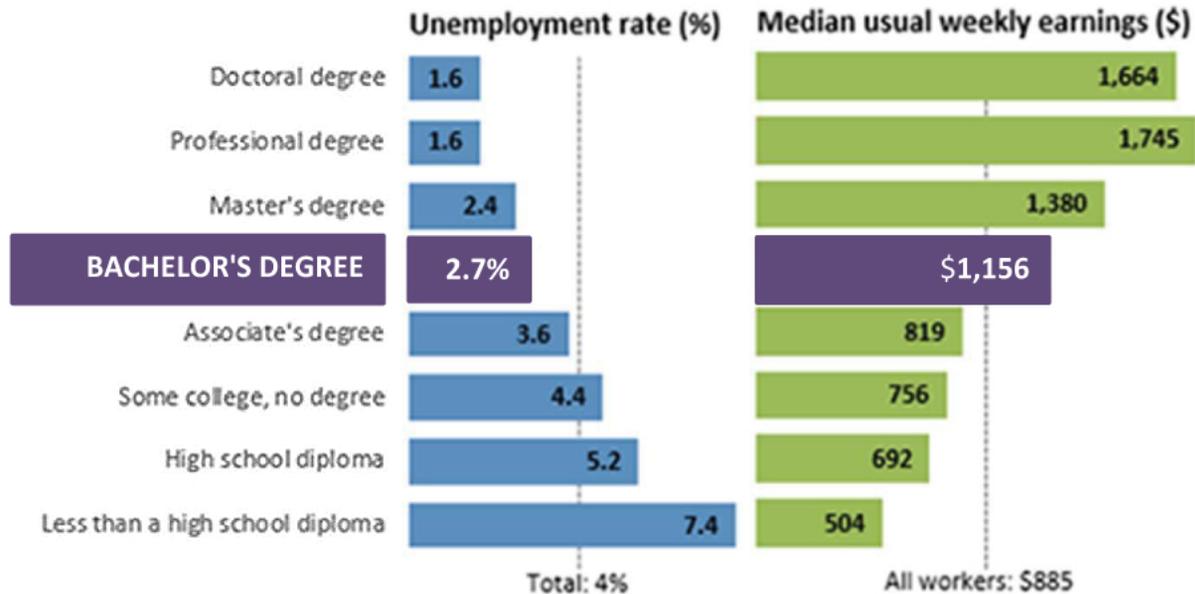
Earning a college degree provides a pathway to economic self-sufficiency.



# The Alliance Foundation

awards scholarships to women returning to college in pursuit of their Bachelor's degree in the greater Denver area. The Alliance Scholarship provides critical financial aid to women in their junior and senior years to complete their degree.

## Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2016



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

### Denver County Self-Sufficiency Standard (2015) for a family of 3:

1 adult + preschooler + school age

annual income \$ 56,534  
per hour/per adult \$ 27.18



### Bachelor's Degree

annual income \$ 60,112  
per hour \$ 28.90  
per week \$ 1,156

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### Colorado Minimum Wage

annual income \$ 19,344  
per hour (2017) \$ 9.30  
per week \$ 372

### No High School Diploma

annual income \$ 20,730  
per hour \$ 9.97

### High School Graduate

annual income \$ 35,540  
per hour \$ 17.09

### Associate's Degree or some college

annual income \$ 49,470  
per hour \$ 23.78

Source: *The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Colorado 2015*  
prepared by *The Colorado Center on Law and Policy*