



## CAREER PATHS AND CLUSTERS

After watching the *JA It's My Future* Session 2 volunteer video, reflect on the lesson and review the concepts and vocabulary. Complete the following activity. You may also be assigned the writing assignment or choose to practice your writing skills on your own.

### Think About It:

- When you were small, did you have an idea of what you wanted to be when you grew up?
- Do you have a strong connection with a sport, hobby, skill, or interest?
- Can you imagine yourself as an adult in a particular career?

### Try It:

Create your own career cluster poster or presentation. You may want to search online for images of career clusters for ideas and information.

- Use a large sheet of paper and whatever art supplies suit you (markers, mixed media, collage) or presentation software you favor.
- Sketch out each of the 16 clusters. Use defined shapes and a clear organizational format, or be creative, artistic, and a little free form. If you are using software, decide on an organizational structure.
- Include the name of each of the career clusters, or use icons or images to convey each.

Here are the 16 clusters:

1. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
2. Architecture and Construction
3. Arts, Audio-Visual Technology and Communications
4. Business Management and Administration
5. Education and Training
6. Finance
7. Government and Public Administration
8. Health Sciences
9. Hospitality and Tourism
10. Human Services
11. Information Technology
12. Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
13. Manufacturing
14. Marketing
15. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
16. Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

- List a few careers within each cluster, especially any that might interest you.
- Share your poster or presentation with a teacher, friend, or family member.
- Display or save your career cluster poster or presentation in a place where you can refer to it and think about your future career options.



### Practice Your Writing Skills:

Write a short story depicting yourself in your future career. What would an average day look like? What kind of tasks would you be doing? How will you use your talents and skills at your job? Who will be your coworkers?

- Add an attention-grabbing title.
- Use strong verbs, vibrant adjectives, and specific nouns.
- Make your story believable and interesting.