Subject: Re: Tech Degree

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Here's the bottom line.

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Sure, you could make a decent living with a whatever degree from ITT Tech and the mediocre job you get from it.

But the way the world works is that employers always look for the more qualified person. If you're a graduate of a bigger school (for example MIT), you've got the schools reputation as a damn good tech school, you've got the grades from the damn good school, and you've got the complete education from the damn good school, which is why this graduate might just land the job of a lifetime over the graduate from ITT where he could START with a salary of over \$100k/year for example.

Therefore, if you really want your dream job, don't settle for a small school such as ITT just cuz it's cheaper.

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Now, here's some advice.

- 1) Look around your state for public universities that have the degree program you want. If you're lucky, you can find one with a comparitively cheap tuition, since it's in-state. For example, because I live in CT and I go to University of CT (UCONN!!!! RAH RAH RAH), my entire fee to go there is \$16k/year, instead of the full price of like \$28k or something more expensive. \$16k, although a lot in reality, is still comparitively cheap for a top-notch public university.
- 2) Think about what kind of job you want, then call up a company that has that type of job, and ask what school's THEY would recommend you go to be ready for that type of job. Give them a little information, like your name and email addy. You might still be a little young for the college search process, however this shouldn't matter. It shows the company that you take an interest in them and would be willing to work very hard to get a job there.

NOTE: This is most certainly not guaranteed to get you a job there, so don't absolutely plan on it. However, if the employer is any good, they'll put your information somewhere in a file for later, so if you do actually end up applying years down the road, they might bring that file back up and be like, "hey this kid actually did it." It will give you a better chance of being hired, and therefore landing your dream job.