The Value of Higher Education

Activity: Complete the calculations below:

A. Someone who graduates from high school but does not go not to college can expect to earn $_____ in the course of a lifetime. Someone who attends two years of college and earns an associate's degree (A.A.) can expect lifetime earnings of $_____.

What's the difference between the lifetime earnings for these two individuals? $_____

B. Average lifetime earnings of someone with a bachelor's degree (B.A./B.S.) $_____

How much more can someone with a B.A. degree earn than someone with an A.A. degree?

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How much more can someone with a B.A. degree earn than someone with just a H.S. diploma?

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Writing Exercise: What is the value of higher education to you? Why is receiving more education/training important?

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"Without education, you are not going anywhere in this world." –Malcolm X