Architecture

The type of Architect that I would like to become after graduating college or even high school is a Residential Architect. With that being said I will need to understand the requirements for building sizes, how the spaces inside the building will be organized, becoming a big problem solver and hopefully aesthetically pleasing the client. I will not be expected to sketch like a perfect artist, but I will be expected to express my ideas in paper form. Public speaking would be a huge part to become an Architect along with politics, real estate, marketing, construction and environment. On an average a Architect will make $38.13 an hour. Ten percent for an Architect to make is $119.410 a year, but the bottom of that ten percent will make $44,030 a year. When I first start as an architect I would be very happy with the salary I would be making if that’s what was to get my first few years, but my main goal for when I am older and start a family or just excel in my life is to make at least $80,000 or $90,000 a year.

Architects can work from their own homes by creating blueprints and designs. For example, a large office building, malls, stores, houses, sky scrapers, hotels, etc. The only time when they actually leave their homes is when they’re meeting with the clients or just checking out how the builders are doing. They can travel around the world for jobs or just to get new ideas from other architects on how to build or create different styles or buildings. Another main responsibility an architect has is to provide a safe work environment for his/her co-workers and fellow building designers. An example of an accident and safety concern for an architect is making sure that the building materials, the construction site, and blue prints of the building are safe and reliable. Their job is also to make sure the building can with stand earthquakes and other environmental disasters. To be an architect it doesn’t just take designing blueprints, an architect must design a building that will protect the wellbeing of anyone inside or around the building while it is being created and after it is created.

Right now there are approximately 141,200 people who are currently employed as an architect in the United States. It takes 5 years of college to become an architect and I am a freshman right now, so 9 years I will be applying. When that happens there will be approximately 1,270,800 people working as an architects. The classes for high school that I will need to take is science, physics, art (such as sketching and sculpting), and math. The main math classes I mostly need is geometry, trigonometry, algebra, and precalculus. When I first start off as an architect I will make little buildings such as barns and houses then a couple years later I would like to upgrade to a little bigger buildings like mansions, apartments and possibly hotels. My main goal is to move up to malls and sky scrapers one day, I would like to make buildings like the twin towers or maybe even better. That would be like going from a Residential Architect to a Public Architect.

One of the benefits of being an architect is that if you are the boss you can retire anytime you want. One of the negatives from being an architect who is self-employed is that you have to pay additional taxes to get your retirement faster than regular architects, but they get there retirement way later. Like when they are in there 60’s. Another negative is that self-employed architects need to provide their own benefits unless there is lingering coverage from a previous employer or Medicare. If an architect decides to do his/her own business it may require financing from personal savings or a loan. I will be ready to apply as soon as I get out of college.

My main plan is to get into the business as soon as possible, so I can already have my own house that I designed and making a good amount of money at age 23 or 24 and can start my life. In high school what I can prepare to do to make my goal happen is study a lot and practice creating sketches for any idea that comes to my mind. I can try out new programs to help me learn, and maybe take CIC classes to make my college classes come faster.

Some famous architects are Daniel Libeskind, Richard Meier, and Norman Foster. Daniel created the Jewish Museum in Berlin, it washis first major international success. Some other notable works include the Grand Canal Theatre in Dublin and the Imperial War Museum North in England. Richard created the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art, and The Hague City Hall and Central Library in the Netherlands. And finally Norman created the 30 St Mary Axe in London, Willis Faber and Dumas Headquarters in Ipswich, and Wembley Stadium in London. These are an example of three great architects that inspire me a lot.

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