



Why Should I Get a Summer Job? How Do I Find One?

A summer job is an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in an industry you may want to enter. It offers you the chance to “taste test” a prospective career and build valuable contacts.

Why Get a Summer Job?

- Gain critical skills like time management, communication, teamwork, and decision making.
- Build your resume with professional experience that will help you land future jobs and internships.
- Learn how a workplace operates and how leadership is structured.
- Develop your network – those connections will likely help you land a job after graduation.
- See what you like and don’t like about a role or company. A takeaway from a job may be that you want to do something else – that is a valuable insight too.

How Do I Find a Publicly Advertised Job?

- Your school guidance office staff can help you with job search advice. There may be a bulletin board with job postings, a notebook with listings, and/or an online job board.
- Consider places where you like to spend time and ask the manager if they’re hiring – think retail shops, restaurants and cafes, movie theaters, and entertainment venues.
- Seasonal jobs, like camp counselor roles or retail hiring around the winter holidays, are often particularly open to hiring teens and young adults.
- Target specific openings listed on companies' websites.
- Search more broadly on general sites including [Indeed](#), [SimplyHired](#), and [ZipRecruiter](#).

How Do I Find a “Hidden” Job?

- Share your interests with friends, neighbors, relatives, teachers, and other influential people who may alert you to openings or refer you to hiring managers.
- Consider jobs in your neighborhood like childcare, lawn care, pet care, or tutoring. You can ask around or put up flyers on local bulletin boards to advertise your services.
- Meet new people at career-related events or job fairs.
- Follow companies on social media to learn about openings.