



Youth Summer Employment

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Summer time jobs are fun and memorable, especially when employed with old friends. Both my children, from the age of 16, worked every summer, met new friends, learned new skills, added experience to their résumés, saved some money for a vehicle and college. They enjoyed their summer, it was never boring for one minute and still they were able to participate in summer fun activities. They both did some volunteer jobs and then moved on to paid jobs. Two to three months before school ended they both were checking out the wanted ads.

Back then it was a little hard to find employment, but not as challenging as it is now, however jobs are there. Get creative and go for it. If you don't land the job you want, you'll still gain something from the process, meaning experience.

First you will have to search employment through the internet, classified ads, and/or word of mouth. The more jobs you apply for, the better you'll get at applying and interviewing. This skill will help with everything from getting into college to landing a full-time job when the time comes.

It is tough when you're told they're not hiring, but you soon will get better at coping with rejection. It's a fact of life, and there's no denying it can be hard to handle. You will eventually learn how to deal with the feelings and not take it personal.

Something else, did you think about other types of jobs? It is not a bad idea to job sample. You might discover a new skill or interest you never knew you had. Even if you don't really love your job, but need to save money for future plans, you'll learn that you can stick with something you don't really like.

I think you will quickly realize the types of employment you never want to do for the rest of your life. The more education and skills you learn the better job opportunities will be at your fingertips.

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Don't forget to mention accommodations, if you need them. An example of an accommodation is because of vision problems working daytime hours only. How much weight can you pick up? How many hours can you handle standing, sitting, or doing job related tasks and so on?

Being that so many give up quickly looking for jobs, potential applicants remove themselves from the process, so you will have better chances to land a job, so don't give up. And, if you don't get the job you want, volunteer. It's a great way to gain experience and add something to your résumé and for future reference.

Keep your eyes on the want ads on the places you're inquiring about. Also, keep your résumé handy and make sure you add something that will stand out. Below is some information and resources for job seeking. Do your homework first and read up, so check it out and good luck!

Here you can find summary information about available programs:
<https://www.louisianaworks.net/hire/vosnet/youth.aspx>

Tips for Youth @ Work
<http://www.eeoc.gov/youth/tips.html>

Youth Toolkit - Top 10 Tips on How to Get the Job
<http://www.work-one.org/index/youth/10tips.asp>

8 Job Search Tips for Teens
<http://www.familycircle.com/teen/jobs/job-search-tips-for-teens/>

Job interviews
<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-careers/job->

Tips and tools for youth job seekers
<http://gdyt.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/TIPS-FOR-YOUTH-JOB-SEEKERS-rev.pdf>

Everything You Need to Know to Work Know the Rules
<http://youthrules.dol.gov/>



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