

# Jobs For Teens - Pros and Cons



Your neighbors may need your help to mow their lawn (cut the grass) in the spring and summer, rake the leaves in the fall (autumn), and shovel snow in the winter. They probably prefer paying a local teen to paying an expensive landscaping company. Landscaping offers good exercise, the pay is great and it is a nice way to get to know your neighbors. If you decide to start your own business, you will have to be extra-motivated in order to find clients. You will also need to be in good shape because manual labor can be exhausting (you can get tired very quickly).



If you love animals, why not consider being a dog walker or a pet sitter? Many pet owners feel guilty about being away from home all day, and they would happily pay you to give their pets some extra love.

What is great about this job is that you can make your own hours, and if you are an animal lover, this job will hardly feel like work! But you might get a little lonely because pets do not talk! Pets are usually cute but they also do things that are less adorable and you will have to do with all those things!



Being a tutor is the perfect job if you are considering being a teacher, or if you excel at one or more of your school subjects. You will make good money and have a ton of practice at your favorite subjects. You will also experience a huge feeling of accomplishment. This job can sometimes be a little frustrating, though.



Many restaurants look for staff (waiters, bussers, etc.) through word of mouth, so do not hesitate to ask the managers of your favorite restaurants if they need any help. Working as a waiter or busser is a great way to meet people and practice your social skills. Waiters and bussers often get good tips. The harder you work, the more money you earn! But this job can also become stressful and some customers can be very fussy.



If you love being outdoors and do not mind being away from home, camp counseling is a great way to enjoy the summer and make new friends. This job will enable you to socialize with new people and do all sorts of activities with them. Plus, the time away from home is great prep for college life. But you must bear in mind that camp counseling is a seasonal job and that being in charge of sick or injured kids is a big responsibility.

Being an office intern in a local business is an interesting way to know more about the world of work. This experience will be extremely valuable in your future resume and might lead to a long-term, high-paying position. Unfortunately, most internships are unpaid, and you will probably be asked to do a lot of grunt work (i.e. hard boring work) at first.





If you are a budding filmmaker or just a fan, working at a movie theater is a great way to see lots of free flicks (films) and hang out with other film buffs (fans). You will also be able to eat all the popcorn you want! Concerning your salary, you will probably be making minimum wage or close to it. And after your fiftieth bag, that "free popcorn" thing will be more of a con than a pro!

If you like being outdoors, why not consider working in a state or national park? There is a lot of work to be done. You will have the opportunity to work in a beautiful environment and learn about local ecology. Some positions are, unfortunately, unpaid, and others are only seasonal.



Babysitting is definitely for you if you love being with children. Some of the pros are that babysitting jobs are compatible with other obligations like schoolwork and extracurricular activities because you can set your own hours. Besides, in areas where there are lots of kids, you will always find a parent who needs a babysitter. Babysitters are paid well for their time (\$12-\$15 an hour). But you must be well prepared for this job because it involves big responsibilities and dealing with children is sometimes difficult. Finally, kids get sick and are exposed to lots of viruses, so babysitters will often get sick too!

Retail jobs are highly coveted by many teens and many stores hire students looking for after-school employment. However, these positions can be hard to get in some cities where many adults are competing for the same positions. Keep in mind that many retail stores require previous work experience. Retail jobs offer all sorts of perks, including merchandise discounts, relatively light schedules, working alongside other students, and a fun, fast-paced work environment. The downsides include earning minimum wage, working on weekends, and dealing with unhappy customers.



Grocery stores hire students throughout the year. There are many different jobs at a grocery store; workers can bag groceries, stock shelves, mop floors, or even operate a cash register. Part-time employees can expect to make minimum wage working at a grocery store. Some perks of working for a grocery store include short shifts, merchandise discounts, and schedule flexibility.

If you have a car and a good driving record, you can get a job delivering pizzas. Delivery drivers do not get paid very much, but they do receive tips. Students with pizza delivery jobs can listen to their own music while they are working. There is an element of danger in this job, however. Pizza delivery drivers are occasionally robbed or assaulted.



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