

## 10 Best Part - Time Jobs for Teens From Holly Ashworth, former About.com Guide

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Looking for a job that'll enrich your soul and start you on the path towards a lifelong career? OK, maybe not. You're probably just looking for a way to make cash and beat your boredom. Never fear. There are tons of ways to reach your goals – including some you may not have considered before. And you might find that the job you pick is rewarding in more ways than you expected. (Seriously!)

### 1. Landscaper

Lots of homeowners in your 'hood need help around the yard - from lawn mowing in the spring and summer, to raking in the fall, to shoveling in the winter. They'd probably rather pay a local teen than an expensive landscaping company.

- **Pros:** Great exercise, great pay and a great way to get to know your neighbors.
- **Cons:** You'll need to be extra-motivated if you want to start your own business and find clients. And all that manual labor can be exhausting.

### 2. Animal Caretaker

Wanna make some furry friends? Consider being a dog walker, a pet sitter or even a groomer. Many pet owners feel guilty about being away from home all day, and they'd happily pay you to give their pets some extra love.

- **Pros:** You can make your own hours, and if you're an animal lover, this job will hardly feel like work.
- **Cons:** Unless your client is Babe the talking pig, hanging out with pets all day can get lonely. Plus, you'll have to deal with all those less-than-adorable things that pets do.

### 3. Tutor

The perfect job if you're considering being a teacher, or if you excel at one or more of your school subjects. Talk to your guidance counselor and local library about job opportunities. Or you could even start your own tutoring business.

- **Pros:** Good money, a ton of practice at your favorite subjects and a huge feeling of accomplishment.
- **Cons:** Frustrating at times, and if you tutor at your own school, you'll be stuck inside the same building all day.

### 4. Restaurant Employee

You love eating at restaurants, so why not work at one - as a server, busser, line cook or host? Many restaurants look for staff through word of mouth, so make a sweep of your favorite joints and ask the manager if they need any help.

- **Pros:** A great way to meet people and practice your social skills. As a server or busser you'll probably get paid from tips, so the harder you work, the more money you make.
- **Cons:** At any given time, this is one of the stressful jobs you can have. And servers take a lot of abuse from fussy customers.

### 5. Camp Counselor

If you love the outdoors and don't mind being away from home, camp counseling is a great way to enjoy the summer and make new friends.

- **Pros:** With all the socializing and activities, it's practically as fun as being a camper. Plus, the time away from home is great prep for college life.
- **Cons:** It's seasonal, obviously. And being in charge of sick or injured kids is a big responsibility.

### 6. Office Intern

While your friends are toiling away at the mall, get a dose of the professional life by interning for a local business. Ask your parents and your parents' friends if they know of any open positions, or just start sending emails to companies you like.

- **Pros:** One of the best resume builders you can get, and it might lead to a long-term, high-paying position.
- **Cons:** Most internships are unpaid, and you'll probably get handed a lot of grunt work at first.

### 7. Movie Theater Employee

If you're a budding filmmaker or just a fan, working at a theater is a great way to see a ton of free flicks and hang out with other film buffs.

- **Pros:** Free movies, lots of downtime and all the popcorn you can eat.
- **Cons:** You'll 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.

### 8. Etsy Seller

Are you crafty? At Etsy.com, you can sell your homemade goods - like jewelry, greeting cards and knitwear - to craft lovers all around the world.

- **Pros:** Your chance to get paid for being totally creative. You can set your own prices and work from home.
- **Cons:** You'll need a credit card and your parents' permission to sign up, and every item you list (whether or not it sells) will set you back twenty cents.

### 9. Park Employee

Check out the job opportunities at state and national parks. There's a wide range of work to be done, from guest services to concessions to getting down and dirty in the wilderness.

- **Pros:** You'll get to work in a beautiful environment and learn about local ecology.
- **Cons:** Some positions are unpaid, and others are only seasonal. Check with the National Park Service to see what's available by you.

### 10. Volunteer

Who said that jobs need to pay in cash? Volunteer work can give you something many paying jobs can't: that warm fuzzy feeling. Find out what opportunities are available by you.

- **Pros:** Excellent addition to your resume and college applications. And at the end of the day, it just feels great.
- **Cons:** Besides the pay? None.