THE JOBS ISSUE



JOB HUNTING

IT'S NO SECRET THAT IT'S GETTING TOUGHER AND TOUGHER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SNAG A JOB DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. IF YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SUMMER JOB, CHECK OUT THESE HELPFUL HINTS:

NETWORK. Tell everyone you know that you're looking for a job: neighbors, friends and relatives. Use your social networks (i.e. Facebook) to spread the word. Also, don't overlook your parents' friends and acquaintances.

HIT THE PAVEMENT. Don't rely solely on the Internet for job listings. Many small "mom and pop" companies don't use the Internet to advertise jobs. Look for "help wanted" signs in store windows.

KEEP SMILING. Job hunting is tough and it's easy to get discouraged. Potential employers can pick up on negativity, so stay positive, even if you're not having much luck.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

Can't find your dream job? Create your own. Some of the most successful companies were started by people under 21 years old. Decide what you enjoy doing, and see if you can somehow make money doing it.



960,000 = summer jobs filled by teens in 2010

source: bureau of labor statistics

THE PERFECT JOB INTERVIEW



LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS OVER THE SUMMER, BUT FEAR THE JOB INTERVIEW?

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS
YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE:

DRESS FOR SUCCESS.

Be neat and clean. Avoid being overly made-up. Dress conservatively, but comfortably.

BE ON TIME.

Plan on being at your interview at least ten minutes before the scheduled time.

BE PREPARED.

You may be asked about your interests, experience and future plans. Practice your answers beforehand.

MAINTAIN AN UPBEAT ATTITUDE.

Remember, the difference between bragging and self-confidence is enthusiasm.

SAY "THANK YOU."

Thank the interviewer for his or her time. Follow up a day later with a thank you email or handwritten note.

50 JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

babysitter
freelance writer
web designer
pool caretaker
car washer
housecleaner
painter
gardener
dog walker

paid intern
paid intern
messenger
freelance artist
errand runner
office assistant
retail salesperson
construction

musician
pet sitter
lifeguard

mover
caterer

mover
caterer
usher
tutor
cook

cashier model delivery person

dishwasher)

deckhand party DJ stock person entrepreneur clerical worker

computer programmer amusement park worker graphic designer camp counselor house sitter music teacher

photographer

farm worker

car detailer
receptionist
paper delivery
restaurant server
personal shopper
computer technician
window cleaner
personal assistant



SO WHAT'S THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN DURING A JOB INTERVIEW? PLENTY. CHECK OUT THESE TRUE STORIES ABOUT JOB INTERVIEWS THAT DIDN'T GO SO WELL:

- During an interview, a woman removed her socks and put them on the interviewer's desk claiming she was too hot.
 - A very confused job seeker called a therapist during an interview for advice on answering questions.
 - A very tired applicant actually fell asleep during an interview.
 - A competitive interviewee challenged the interviewer to an arm wrestle.
 - An applicant ate a hamburger and fries in the interviewer's office.



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Avoid these interview disasters and you should be just fine.