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Summer Gigs for Students: A Great Way to Boost Finances and Knowledge

It is hard to believe that school will be out in just a few short weeks. For many young adults, the free time in the summer offers a great opportunity to earn extra spending money.

When looking for a summer job, keep in mind that this could be an excellent opportunity to test out your future career. Are you considering a future in healthcare? Apply to a local hospital or nursing home. Interested in business? A retail job is an excellent way to see how supply chains work and how business owners make things tick. View this as a time to gain knowledge and experiences that will benefit you in future years.

After identifying opportunities, remember these common tips for landing and completing the job.

- 1) **Start early.** Even before school is out, students should be seeking out potential employers. Stop by the business in person and request an application. Even if they send you to a website for an online application, the effort of making an in-person visit will be noted. Some companies may take a few weeks to review applications and complete the hiring process. The summer months pass quickly and applying early could mean extra money in your pocket.
- 2) **Make an effort regarding appearance.** While most employers do not expect a summer job applicant to arrive in a dress suit, it is important to make a good impression. A clean, neat appearance with modest clothing is necessary. Speaking with respect, using manners and appropriate language will likely leave a good first impression.
- 3) **Take it seriously.** When hired for a job, the employer believes your skills are valuable and are willing to pay you money in exchange for a service. Take the opportunity to learn as much as possible in any job and value the boss's confidence in you by showing up on time and always giving your task your full effort.

Summer job opportunities are an excellent way to help shape your financial future by learning about earning, spending, and saving. Remember to spend your money wisely and start saving for the future. From tax withholding to basic budgeting, treat your summer job as a head start to your financial future.

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