



Entering the Workforce

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As a graduated middle-schooler now starting to attend high-school, you will begin to experience great changes in your life will begin to unfold quickly before you. A host of new responsibilities, and with those daily tasks comes expenses. In this material world you and I live in you need one thing to survive, and that is money. As a high-school student looking to gain financial independence from your parents you should consider entering the work force.



Teenage worker stocks shelves in the supermarket that he is employed at. Image taken from www.123rf.com

As a high-school student you will begin to have many different expenses and activities that need funding, such as gas, sports and food. In order to fund all these activities, employment is essential for survival to be able to survive and enjoy life with those bi-weekly paychecks.

In order to land yourself that lofty entry-level job you will need to apply for employment and participate in a job interview. Many jobs will ask you to hand in a resume or complete an application to show you are interested in working for that business. Both of these outline your work related skills, personal characteristics and other information such as references. If the business likes

your resume or application they most likely will get you to attend an interview. A job interview can be very stressful

SONIC Drive-In
Application for Drive-In Employment

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Special note: This application is valid for 30 days from the date of completion. It is not valid for re-use. If you are currently employed, you must provide a reference from your current employer. If you are not currently employed, you must provide a reference from a former employer.

Provide a job for: _____ Date of application: _____
 Name: _____ Social Security no.: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone no.: _____

Where do you live (rent about)? _____

May we contact you at work? Yes No If yes, work at: _____
 If part-time employment desired: Full-time Part-time Seasonal Other (please specify): _____
 Please specify days and hours of availability in hours: _____ Date you desire to start work: _____

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you legally eligible for employment in this country? Yes No
 If you are under 18 years of age, are you permitted to work in this country? Yes No
 Have you ever been employed by a Sonic Drive-In before? Yes No
 If you are currently employed, may we contact your employer for any job related information? Yes No
 Have you ever been a member of a labor union? Yes No
 Please provide a reference (name and phone number) of a former employer, if you have one, and your present employer, if you are currently employed.
 If you provide a reference: _____
 Are you able to perform the essential functions of this job with or without a reasonable accommodation? Yes No

References:

Name	Telephone Number	Area/Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Sonic drive-thru application. Image taken from <https://www.sonicdrivein.com>

to many people, but there are ways to make a positive first and last impression. Remember to show up on time, dress appropriately, avoid teen slang, be direct with your

interviewer and always remember to be yourself!

you've just really told them to not be themselves though

In your town or city there will be many places you can apply for a job. Many kids I personally know work either in



Young women depositing her paycheck. Image taken from Ask.com

restaurants or fast-food chains, working a variety of positions. Gas bars, grocery stores, and retail stores often hire young

people as well. A piece of advice for young teens applying for the first time would be to apply at multiple businesses to maximize your chances of landing a job!

Once you have landed employment it is now very important to know a few basic tricks about how to use and save your earnings. An easy trick to save money is to set aside half of each paycheck for spending money, and put the other half into a savings account. Keep minimal amounts of cash in your wallet or purse as it is

easier to avoid spending without all those bills at your disposal. Avoid blowing all your hard-earned cash on alcohol, food and miscellaneous items, as there will be more important things you need to save up and pay for down the road.

Being in high-school can create many challenges for a student no matter what grade you are in. You can't get anything for free in this world and by getting into the work force early into your life you are placing yourself on the pathway to success.

Explaining Your Writing Variables

Identify the five writing variables you have chosen for your writing task ~~_____~~

Central Idea: How get into the ^{workforce} ~~work force~~ as a young adult/teen.

Form: Article

Purpose: Get young adults thinking about entering the workforce, provide info on how to save, apply etc.

Public Audience: Young Adults (grade 9 - grade 12) highschool students

Context: Online column, ~~job~~ job hunting websites.

Explain how your chosen writing variables work together to make your text effective.

5 marks

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The central idea is a concept that I feel is worth discussing and reflecting on. It is best analyzed in the form of an article as they can be made more accessible to a younger teen audience. ~~The~~ ~~and~~ The broad structure of an article can ~~help~~ introduce personal experiences, facts, and other knowledge to a wide range of readers which can help make an impact more effectively. The purpose of my text was chosen because many young adults ~~don't~~ have little to no idea about how to get into the work force or deal with basic finances. The central idea in the article is worth discussing with all ages of people but especially young adults just beginning high school because if they are able to obtain employment, stay employed, and learn basic money saving skills as young teens, the road they face after high-school will be slightly less daunting. As ~~are~~ the younger generation is very into the online word and social media, I feel it would be best delivered on an online advice column for teens. I chose a column because I could easily put forth my opinions on a platform that is easy to access and use. Social media and online platforms provide a simple way to convey your ^{purpose} ~~ideas~~ of your article and reach a larger target audience.

how so?

try to be specific