

Earn Money for College and Build Skills

There are many ways to earn money for college, but only some can bulk up your education fund AND help you add valuable knowledge and abilities for the future. Why does that matter? If you're able to build a wide array of skills now, you may find that you'll continue to get more exciting and better-paying opportunities in the years ahead.

★ Graphic Designer

You've seen local companies who could use a brand refresh. Try building a portfolio and savings account by offering them your creative skills.

★ Video Game or App Tester

Yes, it's hard to believe, but you can make money by trying out new games and apps! If you want to create them professionally one day, this could be a great entry point into your preferred field.

★ Intern

Build a list of five companies you'd love to work for one day. Reach out to see what kind of internship programs they have. If they don't have one, offer to be their first intern! You may not get paid monetarily, but the experience you gain will be invaluable.

★ Video Editor

Does your future involve making dazzling video content? Many paying gigs are out there as long as you can demonstrate you've already developed some skills.

★ Tutor

Looking to pursue a career in education? Why not start now? Gain teaching experience, develop your skills, and set your own schedule and rates.

★ Virtual Assistant

This might not seem like the most glamorous opportunity, but you might be surprised at how much you can learn by helping a business run smoothly.

★ Business Owner

You belong to the most entrepreneurial generation this country has ever seen. Put one of your existing skills to work to gain valuable business insight.



Protect Yourself from Seasonal Job Scams

The new year is a great time to look for a new job. In retail, hospitality, shipping and delivery, ridesharing, and other areas, trying out different kinds of jobs can be an excellent way to earn extra money and gain work experience.

But not all job listings are real.

Scammers take advantage of job searchers by creating fraudulent job posts, often copying legitimate organizations, while offering big pay for little work you can do from home. They use fake hiring processes to obtain your personal data, or pressure you to pay upfront for supplies or training materials. While people of all ages may be victims of online scams, young adults are particularly vulnerable. Many college students receive bogus job alerts and reported losing money on job scams five times more often than older adults.

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