


Not old enough for a work permit?
Do something about it!

Check out this list of things to do to prepare you for that first job, and to create a resume, work experience, and important skills needed for your future. Check the options that interest you. Then research what opportunities are available in your area.



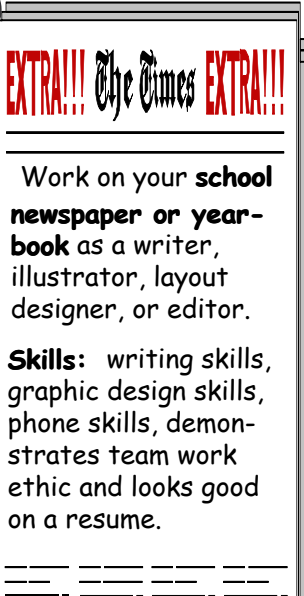
Take a **first aid and CPR class**. Contact your local Red Cross for class times near you!

Promotes skills for working with kids, working in public places, volunteering at a rescue squad or fire department.



Participate in **school plays** as a performer, set designer, director, or stagehand.

Skills: develops public speaking, uses art talent, creates responsibility, and promotes team work

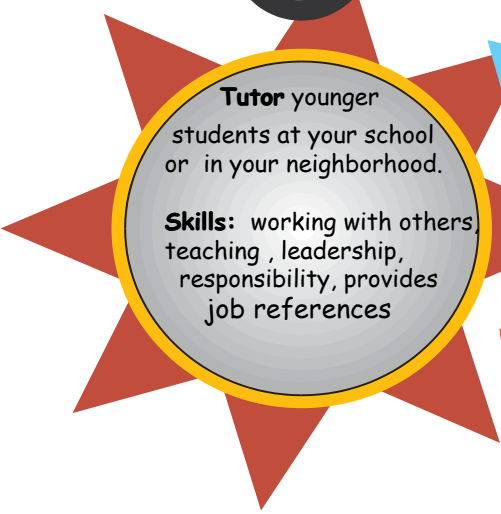


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Work on your **school newspaper or year-book** as a writer, illustrator, layout designer, or editor.


Skills: writing skills, graphic design skills, phone skills, demonstrates team work ethic and looks good on a resume.

THINGS TO DO



Tutor younger students at your school or in your neighborhood.

Skills: working with others teaching, leadership, responsibility, provides job references




Join a **scout troop, youth group, community group**, etc. Work on badges, goals, and community service projects.

Skills: fund-raising, goal setting, project organization and implementation



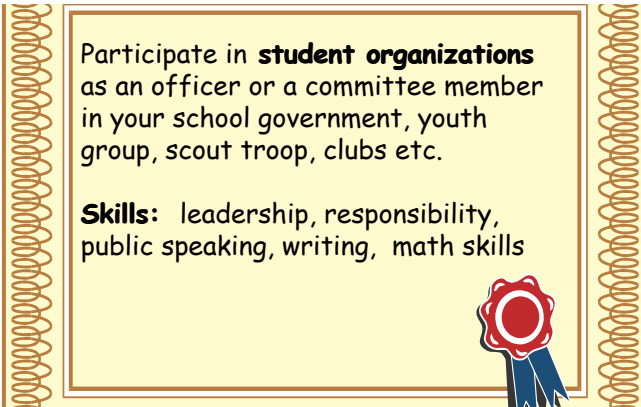
Set up **your own business** such as baby-sitting, lawn care, odd jobs, or washing cars. Advertise your business and keep written records of your employers.

Skills: future job references, entrepreneurial and advertising skills, leadership, motivation



Be the neighborhood **pet sitter/ dog washer/ dog walker**

Skills: responsibility, entrepreneurial experience, experience working with animals, provides future job references



Participate in **student organizations** as an officer or a committee member in your school government, youth group, scout troop, clubs etc.

Skills: leadership, responsibility, public speaking, writing, math skills

