

make your summer job pay off!

Folding T-shirts or bussing tables might sound lame, but these part-time gigs can set you up for the big time!

LIFEGUARD = crisis management!

You might be into your gig for the killer tan, but serious training comes with that whistle. You've learned CPR, **you're cool under pressure**, and you know **exactly** when to jump in to help. These are just the skills you need in fields like **medicine and law**, where you think on your feet in high-pressure situations. To make your college app stand out, talk about a moment where your quick thinking saved the day—and why those skills would make you a superstar in your major!

RETAIL = killer sales skills!



Sure, folding a gazillion pairs of jeans can be mind-numbing, but if you have the **wit and personality** to sell basic denim, you can help people see the value in **anything**. Ask your boss if you can do **management or sales training** to boost your experience level and set you up for a bigger position (and paycheck!) at your next gig.

If Emily spent as much time at work as she does chasing A, she'd be loaded!

Teens make about **\$434** per month in the summer!

WAITRESS = team player!

When you're in the weeds, you know what a relief it is to have a coworker grab those extra plates for you—and you have her back, too! **Working well with others** is key—especially in fast-paced jobs like publishing, where other departments depend on you to **meet deadlines**, or finance, where you're handling major money for people. When you're interviewing for internships, give examples of how you trained new staff or how your manager asked you to hold down the fort when she was out sick—that way, they'll know they can count on you in a crunch!

work it!

Put your paychecks into a savings account, then cross off these to-dos to get every last drop of value out of your summer job.

- ☒ **Check in with your boss** twice over the summer to ask what you're doing well and what you can work on. She'll love your ambition and you will get to know your strengths!
- ☒ **Get a written letter of recommendation** from your supervisor. You'll need it for your college and internship applications.
- ☒ **Update your résumé** as soon as the summer is over, so your responsibilities are fresh in your mind (and so you don't forget to update it when you're sending it out next year!)