

IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

Having a job or running your own business has a great amount of benefits. In this sheet we'll review some key reasons on why employment is important!

The main reason to gain employment is to **support yourself** and your livelihood. By having a job you will earn money. Once you're a high school student, having an after school job could help pay for activities with friends or could be gas money. If you choose the path of college or trade school, you may want to consider having a job to pay for tuition or lessen the amount of student debt. Finally, once you are on your own, having an income is essential to paying your bills, providing groceries, covering medical expenses, loan approval, creating your savings, the list goes on and on. Having a job allows you to pay for and support your daily life.

Another reason to get a job is for **experience!** Every job out there offers valuable experience. When you're just getting started in the job field you may work at a restaurant or store - that job may not be linked to your long term career goals BUT they can provide you with skills in customer service, communication, and multitasking. Those skills can be used when looking for other jobs in the future. While in other cases some jobs are stepping stones to the next position. For example, at the credit union, starting out as a Teller can lead to a position as a Universal Banker, which can lead to a position as a Loan Officer. Each job gives experience that provides great base knowledge for the next position.

You can also accept a job to **discover your interests.** The average person spends a majority of their time working so finding a job you like is important. Having a variety of jobs can help you come up with your career goals and give you an idea of your dream job or dream business.

Lastly, having a job can be very valuable on a personal level. Acquiring a job, showing up, and doing well at your job can provide you with a positive sense of **self-worth.** Working can connect you to your community and can allow you to help others. Also, it sets a great example for your family, friends, and loved ones.

All-in-all, being employed is extremely important to your **personal finances** and the life you want to create for yourself. Don't be too shy to start early. Don't be scared to dream big. Most importantly be sure to follow the right path for YOU!

