

# Need Help Selecting the Job that's Right for You?

Are you looking for a job to make up for some of the 'green paper' you spent during the holiday season? After filling out applications and interviewing you may find yourself with many job offers. So how do you choose the one that's best for you? I'm a fan of the old fashion *weighing the pros and cons*.

Start by listing the factors that are important to you in a job. Here are a few that you may want to consider:

- **Location**- Ask yourself what kind of transportation you have, how reliable is it and will you make it to your shift on time, every time.
- **Pay/Hours**- Consider whether you are working for fun, saving for something, or if you are working to build your skills. Also, are the hours conducive to your other schedules like your sports, clubs and homework?
- **Working Environment**- Identify your ideal physical working conditions. Do you like working independently or with a group, on the front lines of customer service? Are you good at lifting heavy items and stocking shelves or in an office filing papers?

Then make a pros and cons chart for each job opportunity. Here is a scenario to give you an example of how to weigh the facts:

Nicole, a junior in high school, was offered two jobs; a cashier for a busy retail store or a receptionist for a small insurance company. Her grades are good; she participates in one club and volunteers at church. She does not have a car, but is saving money to buy one. Also she just moved to the area and made some new friends.

After looking at her lists, Nicole decided to accept the cashier position. Getting a car was very important to her and she felt that she'd be able to earn more at the store than at the insurance company even though it paid less per hour. She also felt it was important to be around people her own age since she is new to the area. Although she may have to give up some volunteering hours as a result of this decision and even walk further to the job she felt the retail job offered more of what she needed and still allowed her to reach her goal of buying a car.

Insurance Company	Retail Store
<b>Pros:</b> Better pay Quiet environment Flexible hours Not standing all day Close to home	<b>Pros:</b> More hours Work with new friends Employee discount on some products I like cashiering
<b>Cons:</b> Fewer hours than desired Co-workers are much older Only answering phones	<b>Cons:</b> Further from home Will be on my feet Schedule not too flexible Pay not as good Cashiers are always busy

I hope these tips will help you make that important decision on which job to accept. Remember if you have questions or comments; contact me at [staff@dcwib.org](mailto:staff@dcwib.org). Names aren't necessary, but give your city or town. I look forward to hearing from you - Vee

