

Side Jobs Worth the Effort

Summary: *Earn a little extra money to help you get out of debt or save a little more each month by taking on a side job. However, you may have to think outside the box to find one that works with your schedule.*



Many people don't even consider side jobs as a way of expanding their resources. Side jobs or side hustles are often done to make more money or **gain extra experience**. Whatever the reason for taking a second gig – paying down debt, increasing savings funds, or learning new skills – they can be truly beneficial in your career.

Perhaps your schedule doesn't allow for a lot of extra flexibility to fit in another demanding job. Here is a list of five side jobs you probably haven't considered.

1. Focus Groups

Earn a little extra cash by participating in focus groups. The groups are generally led by third parties conducting research for companies. Usually you are given a product or information and asked to give an opinion on it. The process is simple and doesn't require much skill beyond an opinion. You can expect \$50 to \$200 for a couple hours.

2. Mock Juries



Law students and lawyers often need to practice their cases to test out a jury's response with specific arguments. Expect \$100 to \$150 each day you participate.

3. Mystery Shopper

The benefits from being a mystery shopper aren't necessarily in money but often come in the form of free groceries, coffee, or meals out. This is a great way to save a little money. You can expect to earn \$8 to \$20 worth of food or groceries, so make sure the cost of traveling to a place plus the time required is worth it.

4. Uber Driver

Ride-hailing services like Uber are becoming more popular. While the company takes 25 percent of your earnings as a driver, you have the ability to set your own hours.

5. Plasma Donor

This isn't exactly a job, but you can earn extra money without any effort donating plasma. Depending on your location and the company, you can earn anywhere from \$20 to \$60 per donation. There are certain requirements you must meet, so check your local plasma donation centers to find what they expect from donors.

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