

# Summer Job Central 2025



## Illinois Career Information System

The Career Information System (CIS) is a self-directed, no cost, internet-based career engagement system that combines a wealth of career, education/training, and labor market information into one comprehensive, easy-to-use resource tool. The redesigned **CIS360** portal encourages self-reflection, exploration, research, goal setting, and decision making for lifelong learning. Use CIS and learn how your interests, preferences, and skills relate to various careers and the world of work.

1. Visit CIS at <https://portal.il.cis360.org>
2. Select the IL Residents tab and pick the category that best describes your situation.
3. Enter your city or town and zip code.
4. Create a free account.\*

*\*Creating a free account lets you save your job searches, self-survey results, resumes, and more.*

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**Your summer job** is a chance to try on a career while earning money.

You can also make valuable contacts that can help you when looking for fulltime work. In addition to looking for typical employment, consider apprenticeships, internships, and volunteer opportunities. Or if you have an entrepreneurial mindset, consider starting your own business as a way to gain experience.

Use the Illinois Career Information System (CIS) at <https://portal.il.cis360.org> and learn how your interests relate to occupations and careers. Create a 'My Account' to save your searches, then click on the 'Employment' tab for resume and interview hints and tips.

*Remember to use caution before giving out your contact or personal information!*

Click on any **BLUE** text to visit websites!

## Helpful Hints

- [When to Apply for a Summer Job](#)
- [Job Search Tips and Advice for Teens](#)
- [Illinois Child Labor Laws and Rules](#)
- [Young Workers - Summer Job Safety](#)
- [28 Business Ideas for Teens](#)
- [Is Your Teen Ready for a Job?](#)
- [Teaching Kids About Money](#)

## Jobs

- [Job Postings at IDES' Free Job Board](#)
- [See Jobs Picked Just For You](#)
- [Seasonal Summer Jobs in North America](#)
- [Short-term National and International Job Adventures](#)
- [Jobs in Great Places](#)
- [Summer and Year-Round Camp Jobs](#)
- [Job and Career Center for Teens](#)
- [IDES Hire the Future Program for Ages 16-24](#)
- [Green Industry Job Training Program in Chicago](#)
- [Chicago Youth Employment Program](#)
- [United States Government Jobs and Internships](#)

## Internships / Apprenticeships

- [Illinois Apprenticeship Opportunities by Geographic Region](#)
- [Paid Summer Internship Jobs](#)
- [City of Chicago Internships & Volunteer Programs](#)
- [Internships & Fellowships \(\[illinois.gov\]\(http://illinois.gov\)\)](#)
- [One Summer Chicago](#)

## Volunteer

- [Illinois Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Serve Illinois - Volunteerism and Community Service](#)
- [AmeriCorps](#)
- [Volunteer Options for Teens](#)