Iowa Teenagers



Easy to Hire

State Library Of Iowa State Documents Center Miller Building Des Moines, Iowa Approximately a quarter of a million teenagers will be looking for jobs this summer in Iowa. When they call on you, what will your answer be?

To a teenager, a summer job means:

- Money to return to school in the fall
- Valuable work experience
- The start of a work career
- The chance to be somebody

How many times have you said or heard other employers say, "Hiring teenagers is too much trouble—you run into all kinds of problems with the Child Labor Laws"?

That excuse is no longer valid. It's easy to hire teenagers. And it's amazing how many different things teenagers can do.

What Teenagers Can Do

If they're 18, they may work at any job without restriction.

If they're **16**, they may work at most jobs (other than the few covered by Hazardous Occupations Orders). They may work in:

- Manufacturing and construction
- Insurance and real estate
- Retail stores
- Hotels and motels
- Restaurants
- Local government
- Retail lumberyards
- Garages and auto repair shops
- Service stations
- Hospitals and nursing homes
- Greenhouses and nurseries
- Dairies
- Public utilities
- Printing and publishing firms
- Canneries

.....and many others.

If they're 14 or 15, they may:

- Work at most jobs in packing fresh fruits and vegetables
- Answer phones and take messages in a telephone answering service
- Caddy
- Dispense gas and oil and wash and polish cars at service stations
- Do office and clerical work
- Detassel corn (no work permit required)

In retail stores, they may:

- Run errands and do delivery work by foot, bicycle or public transportation
- · Sell, price mark, pack and shelve merchandise
- Assemble orders
- Bag and carry out customers' orders
- Clean vegetables and fruits
- Do cleanup work
- Trim windows

In food service firms, they may:

- Prepare and serve food and beverages at lunch counters
- Wash dishes
- Do cleanup work

Or teenagers can do many things on a farm.

- Handling many chemical pesticides and fertilizers (must be at least 16)
- Driving a truck or car on the farm property
- Loading and unloading trucks
- Operating garden type tractors
- Picking vegetables and berries and placing them on conveyors or in containers
- Clearing brush and harvesting trees up to 6 inches in width diameter
- Working from ladders at heights less than 20 feet, such as picking most fruit

Hours Teenagers Can Work

lowa law allows young people at age 16 and over to work any hours at any job as long as it is not in the so-called hazardous occupations.

14 and 15-year-olds may work:

- Only outside school hours
- Between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. from June 1 through Labor Day. During the rest of the year, limits are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- · 4 hours a day on school days
- 28 hours a week in school weeks
- 8 hours a day during vacations
- 40 hours a week during vacations

The term "outside school hours" applies to all teenagers who work at farm jobs except those youths who work for their parents on the home farm.

Work Permits

Iowa law requires employers to obtain work permits before they employ minors of certain ages. Permits are available for: Newspaper delivery, shoeshining and similar occupations for minors 10 to 16. Iowa work permit for minors 14 to 16. Special work permit for migrant minors 12 to 16. Iowa certificate of age for minors 16 and above.

Although a work permit for teenagers 16 or older is not required, a certificate of age is required for persons 16 or 17 years of age.

Having on file a work permit or age certificate showing that your employees under 18 are legally old enough for the jobs they hold can protect you from unintentional violation of the lowa Child Labor Act. It is easy to obtain employment certificates. Usually, you give to the teenager you are about to hire a written promise of employment showing hours of work and the occupation. The teenager takes this promise of employment, along

or age certificate. This is usually done at the teenager's local school or at a Job Service of Iowa office.

Child Labor Laws

When both Federal and Iowa laws apply, observe the higher standard. The important thing is that contrary to popular impression, both the Federal law and the Iowa law do allow teenagers to work in many jobs.

How to Hire Teenagers



Contact your nearest Job Service of Iowa office and tell them what kind of jobs you have available and how many young people you can hire. Also contact officials at your nearest schools and colleges and let them know you are hiring. Those jobhunters will be at your door in no time!



Remember-

Teenagers can be your most willing and able workers!

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- Hand planting and cultivation
- Raising and caring for poultry
- Milking cows
- · Riding, driving or exercising horses
- Detasseling

Note: 14 and 15-year-olds may not work in hazardous occupations, in manufacturing and mining, in most processing occupations, as
public messengers, in cleaning or repairing
power-driven machinery, in operating powerdriven machinery other than lawn mowers.
(Power lawn mowers may be operated
around any home if such work is not related
to or part of the business, trade or profession
of the employer.)



Jobs Considered Too Dangerous

The only jobs teenagers under 18 are not allowed to hold are those that have been declared dangerous or hazardous. They include occupations involving:

 Work in or about plants or firms manufacturing or storing explosives or articles containing explo-

- mill, shingle mill or copperage-stock mill
- The operation of power-driven woodworking machines
- Exposure to radioactive substances and to ionizing radiations
- The operation of power-driven metal forming, punching and shearing machines
- Operating most power-driven hoisting apparatus, such as nonautomatic elevators, fork lifts and cranes
- Mining operations
- Work in or about slaughtering and meatpacking firms and rendering plants
- The operation of certain power-driven bakery machines
- The operation of certain power-driven paper products machines
- The manufacture of brick, tile and related products
- The operation of circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears
- Wrecking, demolition and shipbreaking operations
- Excavation operations
- Foundry operations except office, shipping and assembly area work
- The operation of laundry, dry cleaning or dyeing machinery
- Exposure to lead fumes or its compounds or to dangerous or poisonous dyes and chemicals
- The transmission, distribution or delivery of goods and messages between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Roofing operations

The job of motor vehicle driver or helper is also prohibited, as are occupations deemed by the committee on child labor to be hazardous to life or limb.

But this still leaves more than 90 percent of all jobs *open* to teenagers!

The cost of occupational accidents does influence the cost of Workmen's Compensation, but compensation rates are not determined by the number of young people, handicapped persons or other types of employees hired.

Job Service offices are located in the following cities:

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EMMETSBURG ESTHERVILLE FAIRFIELD FOREST CITY FORT DODGE FORT MADISON **GLENWOOD** GRINNELL HARLAN HUMBOLDT IOWA CITY **IOWA FALLS JEFFERSON** KEOKUK KNOXVILLE LAMONI LE MARS MANCHESTER MAQUOKETA MARSHALLTOWN MASON CITY MISSOURI VALLEY MONTICELLO

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