Not old enough for a work permit?
Do something about it!
Check out this list of things to do to prepare you for that first job, and to create a resume, work experience, and important skills needed for your future. Check the options that interest you. Then research what opportunities are available in your area.

- **Take a first aid and CPR class.**
  - Contact your local Red Cross for class times near you!
  - Promotes skills for working with kids, working in public places, volunteer teaching at a rescue squad, or fire department.
  - Skills: develops public speaking, uses art talent, creates responsibility, and promotes team work.

- **Participate in school plays** as a performer, set designer, director, or stagehand.
  - Skills: develops public speaking, uses art talent, creates responsibility, and promotes team work.

- **Join a scout troop, youth group, community group,** etc. Work on badges, goals, and community service projects.
  - Skills: fund-raising, goal setting, project organization and implementation.

- **Set up your own business** such as babysitting, lawn care, odd jobs, or washing cars. Advertise your business and keep written records of your employers.
  - Skills: future job references, entrepreneurial and advertising skills, leadership, motivation.

- **Participate in student organizations** as an officer or a committee member in your school government, youth group, scout troop, clubs etc.
  - Skills: leadership, responsibility, public speaking, writing, math skills.

- **Tutor younger students** at your school or in your neighborhood.
  - Skills: working with others, teaching, leadership, responsibility, provides job references.

- **Be the neighborhood pet sitter/dog washer/dog walker.**
  - Skills: responsibility, entrepreneurial experience, experience working with animals, provides future job references.

- **Work on your school newspaper or yearbook** as a writer, illustrator, layout designer, or editor.
  - Skills: writing skills, graphic design skills, phone skills, demonstrates team work ethic and looks good on a resume.