

**NEED A JOB?**

# **YOUTH & EMPLOYMENT**

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# YOUR DREAM JOB AND YOUR SKILLS

Everyone had a dream job when they were a child. Someone wanted to be an astronaut, another one wanted to be a dancer, and you maybe wanted to be something else. It's fun to dream, but in reality, our lives are far different than in our minds. If a job is not aligned with your personality, it can lead to burnout, cause it can be exhausting to work in ways that don't come naturally for you. It's not enough to have a desire and a diploma to work happily ever after. Sure, some skills can be developed over time, but these don't always come easily, they take more effort, time, and energy to complete. But we have our natural skills, that make some tasks or activities relatively easy to complete. When we are in an environment where we can use those abilities, we are happiest, we enjoy our everyday tasks at work, we can show the best of ourselves. So you don't have to work a boring job which you hate just because to pay the bills. You don't need to put your dream jobs away, you just need to align them with your skills properly.

So the first question to ask yourself is what skills and competencies do you have? There are various tests that can point you to career paths that are a good match for you. Just use them. Spend some time getting to know yourself. Make sure that you answer those questions honestly, that you're not lying for yourself. Ask people around, what do they think about your abilities. Find your strengths and weaknesses.

Finding the right job for you is not an easy task, don't feel the pressure to get an answer right away. Take your time, explore different possibilities. Good luck!



# A SUCCESS STORY

If you want me to tell you about my life, I would like to start by saying Istanbul. In Istanbul, my mother was a teacher and my father was a journalist. Our lives suddenly changed after my father was arrested for his political articles in the newspaper. When I was 19, my father was sentenced to 7 years in prison. My mother, brother and I were left. We could only see him twice a week. After my parents left, she started to work harder to take care of us. My brother was 10 years old and I didn't go to college to take care of him, and I was a waitress in wedding halls on my mom's days off. On one of my mother's days off, I took my poem "Pain" to Istanbul's most popular poetry course. After 2 weeks, I learned that I had won a full scholarship with a letter sent to our house. I desperately wanted to go. I told my mom and she told me I could go. When I asked about my brother's condition, he said that we can sell this house and buy a house close to his brother's school. He also said that we can buy a cheaper house and raise money. In that moment, I understood the value of my mother even better. Two years later, at the age of 21, they wanted to buy my first poem to be published in Turkey's most widely read newspaper, and this moment was indescribable for me. But the news I received 2 months later deeply affected our family. My father died in prison of a heart attack. After getting through this event, even if it was difficult, we realized that it was unnecessary for us to stay in Istanbul. We needed a place that didn't remind us of old memories. But we needed the money. This problem was solved after I wrote the poem "My Father", which I wrote crying the night I lost my father and I never thought it would be successful. My poem was very popular on the Internet. The newspaper wanted to sign me for 10 years at a high price. I accepted the offer and we moved to Çorum with my family. My brother became a computer engineer. My mother became a very popular teacher in the city. My mother chose the house we bought. It was one of the proudest moments of my life. Nothing could break us after that day. Now I am a 47-year-old man with two daughters, and I can tell you about life: "You must learn to play with life before life plays with you". If I had given up, you wouldn't have listened to my life in front of me now.

# HOW TO OPEN YOUR BUSINESS

Do you know what you need to do to open your business?

Here are some steps. Which ones do you really need to do?

1. **Conduct market research**
2. **Buy some groceries**
3. **Write your business plan**
4. **Fund your business**
5. **Pick your business location**
6. **Choose a business structure**
7. **Paint your apartment walls**
8. **Choose your business name**
9. **Register your business**
10. **Get federal and state tax IDs**
11. **Apply for licenses and permits**
12. **Open a business bank account**

There are only 2 false answers!



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