



Help yourself, help your community

Education isn't limited to the classroom. That's the message from Learn and Serve America, which encourages community service as a supplement to academics.

Learn and Serve America supports the service-learning projects of schools, community groups, and other institutions through grants, training, and research. And, for students who want to start a new program in their community, Learn and Serve America provides resources to help projects get off the ground.

Students seeking volunteer opportunities in their communities can find a link to the USA Freedom Corps, which lists thousands of service projects across the country. First-time volunteers will find practical advice, such as how to find a worthwhile cause or balance volunteering with schoolwork. And students with exemplary service records might be eligible for Learn and Serve America's Presidential Freedom Scholarship or other awards.

For more information, write to Learn and Serve America, 1201 New York Ave., Washington, DC 20525; call (202) 606-5000; e-mail LSAabout@cns.gov; or visit online at www.learnandserve.org.

Federal work for students

Looking for a Federal job can be daunting, especially if you're still in school. Fortunately, the U.S. Government's employment Web site, www.usajobs.gov, has a sister site geared toward student jobseekers.

That site, www.studentjobs.gov, gives students access to the same jobs available on USAJobs. StudentJobs also provides the same online features, including tools to assess career interests and to create and save resumes for multiple job applications.

But StudentJobs provides additional resources for career-seeking students. For example, StudentJobs lists the mission of each Federal agency and highlights some careers that might be available. There are also quick links to opportunities, including internships and special programs that may be available only to students and recent graduates.

Both StudentJobs and USAJobs are managed by the Office of Personnel Management. For more information, write to the Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415; call (202) 606-2525; e-mail USAJOBS@opm.gov; or visit online at www.opm.gov. (And in the summer 2004 *Occupational Outlook Quarterly*, see "How to get a job in the Federal Government," online at www.bls.gov/ooq/2004/summer/art01.pdf, for general information about your Federal job hunt.)

Scholarships for auto aficionados



Your interest in cars might lead to cash for your studies. The Automotive Hall of Fame offers more than \$20,000 in scholarships annually to students pursuing auto-related study.

The organization awards several scholarships. Some of the scholarships are for a specific career field, such as automotive engineering or the automotive replacement parts industry. Other awards are more general.

All applicants must be full-time students at an accredited college, university, or trade school and have a GPA above 3.0. Individual scholarship requirements vary, but all applicants must write a statement explaining their interest in automotive work and their career goals. Financial need is considered for most scholarships. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than June 1.

For more information or for application materials, write to the Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124 (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope); call (313) 240-4000; or visit online at www.automotivehalloffame.org/scholarships.php.

First to college



When it comes to college, students and would-be students often ask family members or friends for advice. But this guidance is harder to find for those who don't have college-educated family members. First In The Family helps them get advice from people who've faced the same challenge.

First In The Family is a resource for both current and aspiring college students. Its Web site devotes a section to high school students and addresses the issues they face when considering college. Another section assists college students in adjusting to their new environment and responsibilities.

Student advice on the site covers a variety of topics, including getting into college, managing family responsibilities, and balancing paid work with schoolwork. There are also resources for summer programs and financial aid.

For more information about First In The Family or its parent site, What Kids Can Do, write to What Kids Can Do, P.O. Box 603252, Providence, RI 02906; call (401) 606-5000; e-mail info@whatkidscando.org; or visit online at www.firstinthefamily.org.

Park rangers: Protecting, preserving, and educating

Don't want to work inside all day? If you're a park ranger for the National Park Service, you could spend much of your workday outdoors at one of nearly 400 locations nationwide.

Park rangers work as law enforcement officers, nature experts, or both. They protect national parks and other federally managed areas by investigating complaints, enforcing laws and regulations, performing searches and rescues, and helping to direct forest- and fire-control efforts. These tasks are usually handled by park rangers working full time, year round.

Other park rangers work as seasonal employees or volunteers. These rangers might be involved in visitor outreach programs—aimed, for example, at spurring interest in local wildlife by leading guided tours or printing informational brochures. Experience gained from seasonal and volunteer work often leads to permanent employment.

For more information on working as a park ranger, write to the National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20240; call (202) 208-6843; or visit its Web site at www.nps.gov/personnel.

