

Summary of students' own working experiences

- *I have worked for my relatives and friends. Mostly some casual work (construction works, cleaning and care taking, greenery). I don't have formal experience.*
- *Everybody could find job if he is not too lazy. Advertisements in newspapers, friends. In the countryside it is possible to get some job in the farms.*
- *I have worked in a timber company, planted trees. Days were long but salary was quite good. Recently I worked for a road construction company. I sowed grass.*
- *I have mowed the lawn, trimmed grass. I have worked for Enics, the electronics company. In summer I have picked mushrooms and berries and sold them to a buyer-up.*
- *So far I have worked only „black“. It means no official contract. We had agreement to sum of salary to avoid misunderstanding later. I got money as we had agreed, didn't pay any taxes. When you had done good job employers paid extra money and bonuses. I didn't have any problems with working hours.*
- *I have had summer job during the last two summers. Earlier I worked as a babysitter to get some pocket money and experiences. Now I work officially for a recreation centre. In summer I was a cleaner and from August I worked as an administrator. According to my little experience I have to say it is better to work when you have an official contract. It secures that your employer sticks to the dates and you cannot be sacked unexpectedly. I am sure that my previous experience will be useful in my future.*
- *Last summer I worked 3...4 days per week during two and a half month. Working time was flexible. When there were numerically more workers at the same time we just got our work done faster and the day was shorter. I was working officially, contract was formed. I had my official working schedule. It was first time when I worked officially and it was something new for me. Formerly I had worked for the same company unofficially, because there was no meaning to form contract for shorter period. I noticed that there was difference in hourly pay either you worked officially or not. When you work officially you are paid gross wage and can get income taxes back at the beginning of the following year. I have learned that despite of what job you can do or what experience you have*

got it is important that you can do more to get on in your life. Firstly I worked as a maintenance worker. I work because it is weird for me to ask money from my parents for every little thing I need or want.

- I started working in my early childhood helping my relatives in different household jobs. I weeded in the garden, did some construction work. I helped to clean elevator. When I was 13 I and my brother helped our father in building and the forest logging. A year later I trimmed grass in summer. It was good experience with communication. I learned to communicate with strange people, learned to plan your time. Because my father was not home every time I needed to go to work and I had to find transport myself. I have worked seasonally far from local home area in Tallinn, in Stockholm. Mostly in construction work. I have not worked officially.*
- I have worked officially and as a volunteer in catering and maintenance place for marathon. My working experience mostly considers to Defence League. Officially I have worked for my local community trimming lawn in summer.*
- I have picked strawberries and done other gardening works.*
- I have worked seasonally for Defence League Valga Company, volunteering at catering places for marathon. I have worked in strawberry fields, have piled firewood.*
- I have done different household chores in the countryside and in the farm. I have been a baby-sitter and picked berries.*
- Worked as a baby sitter, done gardening work, done cooking and baking, picked berries. I have been a volunteer at catering places for marathon.*
- I have mostly worked as a volunteer. I have worked both officially and unofficially. Working has given me confidence and courage. When I had any problems I asked for help. My communication skills have improved.*
- I have worked a lot in my school time. During the last two years at Pühajärve GMP Hotel. First I helped with many jobs (cooking, cleaning). Last year I was an administrator. I managed well. I got new contacts and acquaintances. My communication skills have improved, my language knowledge has improved. I practiced English and Russian. Last summer I was also asked to work in the same hotel.*