

## TELLERS COUNT

Do you know that you can have a career at a credit union? There are so many opportunities for you to explore.

When you visit the credit union to make a deposit you'll probably see a teller—a credit union's front-line person.

Tellers need to have good math and counting skills while also being friendly and providing excellent member service. They count large sums of money daily and need to make sure that their cash drawers are in balance.

Tellers also need to be effective communicators, both oral and written, and have a good understanding of computers.

Many credit unions hire high school students to work as interns or even part-



time tellers during the school year and summers.

What a great way to get work experience—especially if you're interested in finance, business, or customer service!

## \$100 WINNER: SPORTS FANATIC



### Future Basketball Sensation!

by Aleks, 16  
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"I went with my Mom and little brother to see the Harlem Globetrotters. He's a diehard basketball fan. He begged me to follow him afterwards down to the court to get near the players. I heard him yell 'shoot it' and I got it just in time!"

## DREAMERS OF THE DAY



Shereen, 17

### College Application Essay

Now that I'm finished with recommendations and transcripts, I'm left with one last step—writing the college application essay. While it may be intimidating, I have full power over the words I place in this essay. I can let my personality shine through.

It's tempting to write a list of your

accomplishments and all the hours you spent volunteering in the community, but don't do that. Those parts are already listed elsewhere. Write about something that separates you from everyone else.

Let your personality shine! Stay away from cliché, boring essays that use tons of scholarly words in a misguided effort to seem intellectual. Be yourself, and if a college doesn't want the kind of person you are, then you don't need to be there in the first place.

## TALK BACK

What a great catch, Aleks! Your little brother called the shot right!

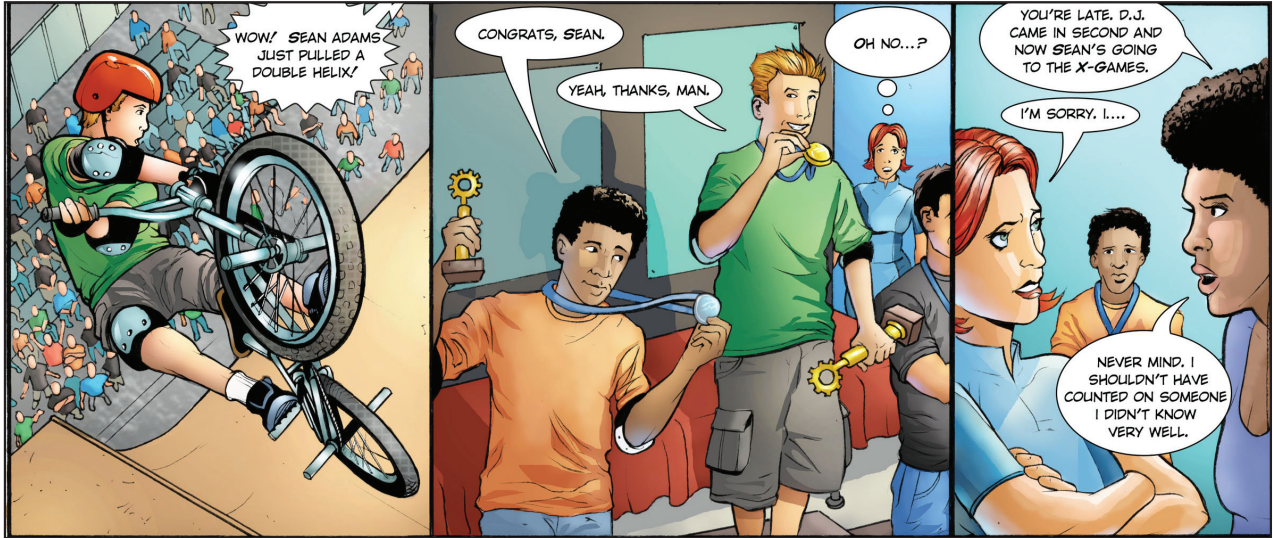
Jessica98, 16, Houston, TX

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This is really good advice—I've heard it before but never so passionately!

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WHEELS™



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PLAY



Your high-paying career is a few years—and college courses—away. Even though you're not earning big money, can you think the same as someone who does?

Check your answers and compare them to the ones that professionals gave when asked about their career preferences.



**1. Would you rather have...**

- A cash bonus
- More vacation time



**2. Which would you prefer?**

- The ability to work from home
- A bigger paycheck



**3. Your salary just got cut by 25%. Do you quit, or keep your job?**

- Quit
- Stay at my job, but I wouldn't like it



**4. You just won the lottery. What do you do?**

- Quit my job and retire
- Keep my full-time job
- Cut back from full-time to part-time work



**5. You can opt to bring your pet to work instead of getting a raise. Which would you choose?**

- Bring my pet to the office
- Get a raise



**6. Would you rather attend a company holiday party, or receive a \$100 holiday bonus?**

- Go to the party!
- I would prefer \$100.

5. If you took the raise, you're in the same camp as almost 90% of professionals who say they would take money over animal companionship at the office.

6. If you picked the \$100, almost 80% of those surveyed agree. Only about one of five hundred bucks.

3. Like it or not, 55% of career professionals admit they would take the salary cut to keep their job.

4. If you would cut back from full-time to part-time work, most professionals would do the same. Even if they don't need money, they would continue to work, but only part-time.

1. If you answered "vacation time," nearly six of 10 professionals agree with you. To many adults, time is worth more than money.

2. If you answered "work from home," 61% of career-minded adults agree. As teenagers, we just want to get out of the house, while just a few years later we can't wait to get back in.

Answers: