

Home schooling provides a unique opportunity for students to **earn money by starting a small business**. Their flexibility in schedule enables them to set their own priorities and goals according to their God-given talents and passions. Creating and maintaining a family or individual business is not only an excellent academic exercise, it also provides students with real life circumstances to gain experience for their future jobs.

-Begin by brainstorming **ideas** that are attractive to you. Anyone can get a job, but not everyone enjoys what they do. Consider your unique interests, giftings and hobbies, as it should be something that you won't tire of doing for a long period of time. It has to be exciting enough for you to share with strangers. Decide if you should sell a product or provide a service. Look for a market niche in your area.

-Take a look at your **resources** and what you would need to run your own side business. What will it cost you to set it up? How much will you charge and how will you be paid? How much will you earn? Will you need to be mobile, or can you work from home?

-**Research** how to set up an official business within your city and province.

-Find ways to promote and **advertise** locally and on the Internet so people can reach you easily.

-Keep organized **records** of your expenses and invoices. File for taxes. Use a calendar and a filing system.

Business Ideas for Young Adults:

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| -Answer Phone Calls | -Gift Wrapping for holidays |
| Aquarium Maintenance | -Grocery Shopper |
| -Baby-proofing rooms/ buildings | -Gutter cleaning |
| -Babysitting | -House Sitting |
| -Baking Orders | -Language Tutor |
| -Birthday Party Planner/Helper | -Laundry Service |
| -Blind Cleaning | -Make a music cd or movie |
| -Cake decorating | -Make-up artist |
| -Car detailing | -Move packing/unpacking |
| -Cleaning: Dusting, Vacuuming, etc | -Paper route |
| -Computer Programmer or Tutor | -Pet grooming/sitting, cage cleaning |
| -Construction Cleaning | -Photographer or Photographer Helper |
| -Crafts: candles, decorative, jewelry, etc | -Produce Stand |
| -Decorating | -T-shirt Design |
| -Entertainer | -Teach Lessons: all fine arts |
| -Farm Helper | -Used Book Sales |
| -Fire Wood Chopping | -Wedding Helper |
| -Floral Arrangements & Delivery | -Weeding |
| -Freelance Writing | -Window Painting (for holidays on business store fronts) |
| -Garage Cleaning/Organizing | -Window Washing |
| -Gift Baskets | -Write a recipe book |
| -Graphic Design | -Seasonal yard-work |
| -Greeting Cards | |