

Turning Your Talents Into Income – Teen Edition

1. Graphic Design

Ways to Make Money:

- Design flyers, logos, posters, birthday invitations, business cards.
- Create social media graphics for small businesses, school clubs, or local events.
- Sell custom digital art or cartoon avatars.

How to Start:

- Use free tools like Canva, Photopea, or Procreate (if available).
- Create 5–10 sample designs to show clients.
- Offer services to local brands, churches, student clubs, or family-owned businesses.

Pricing:

- Simple flyer: \$10–\$20
- Logo: \$30–\$75 (depending on detail)

2. Selling Digital Products

Product Ideas:

- Canva templates (planners, Instagram posts, resumes)
- Budget sheets or homework planners
- Digital stickers, wallpapers, or coloring pages
- E-books (how to braid hair, gaming tips, poetry, etc.)

Where to Sell:

- Etsy, Ko-Fi, Gumroad, or social media (Cash App/Venmo).

Start-Up Steps:

- Create 5–10 products.
- Make sample photos.
- Post on social media with clear prices.

3. Tutoring

Subjects to Tutor:

- Math, English, science, reading, ACT/SAT prep, or helping with homework.
- Can also tutor skills like playing an instrument, language basics, or computer skills.

How to Start:

- Make a simple post or flyer: “Tutoring for grades K–8. \$15/hour.”
- Offer online or in-person sessions.

What to Charge:

- \$10–\$25/hour depending on subject and age group.

4. Social Media Content Creation

Ways to Earn:

- Create content around fashion, sports, gaming, cooking, or DIY.
- Get brand collaborations once they gain followers.
- Offer to create content for local businesses who don’t know how to post.

Monetization Paths:

- TikTok Creator Fund or Reels bonus program
- Brand deals, sponsored posts
- Affiliate links — earn money when people buy

5. Cleaning & Organizing

Services Teens Can Offer:

- Organizing rooms, closets, school lockers
- Cleaning cars (interior vacuuming + wiping)
- Helping declutter kitchens or bedrooms
- “Homework station setup” or “back-to-school room reset”

How to Start:

- Offer services to family, teachers, neighbors.
- Post before/after photos.

Pricing:

- Bedroom/org: \$20–\$50
- Car cleaning: \$15–\$30

6. Custom Crafts / Handmade Items

Things to Make & Sell:

- Custom tote bags, keychains, bracelets, phone cases
- Painted shoes, jean jackets, or canvases
- Crocheted items (hair bows, plushies, scarves)

Sell Through:

- Instagram, TikTok, craft fairs, church events, school clubs.
- Take pre-orders to avoid wasting material.

Pricing Example:

- Bracelets: \$5–\$15
- Painted shoes: \$50–\$100

7. Event Decorating

Services Teens Can Offer:

- Balloon arches & backdrop setups
- Table centerpieces or photo areas
- Birthday parties, baby showers, school functions

How to Start:

- Practice at home or decorate a friend's party for free — take pictures.
- Create a simple price list (ex: balloon garland \$50).
- Offer small setups first — not full-scale weddings.

8. Babysitting

Ways to Earn:

- After-school babysitting
- Date-night childcare
- Mother's helper (helps while parent is at home)

How to Start:

- Get CPR or Red Cross babysitting certification (optional but impressive).
- Let family, neighbors, and church members know you're available.

Pricing:

- \$10–\$20 per hour depending on number of kids & location.