



Every artist is faced with the question of how to balance paying the bills while pursuing their art. Below is a short list of job ideas that use your transferable skills and will allow you to bring in a bit of cash while allowing you to go on auditions, write, and pursue your craft. It is by no means meant to be comprehensive, but it's a great place to start!

Do you have a good idea to add to this list? Let us know!

ADMINISTRATIVE

Night Receptionist Many doctor's offices and agencies need an evening receptionist. This affords you the daytime to audition.

Office Administrator/ Temp A great way to fill the time between gigs and projects while not creating any expectations that you will be there forever. Work can be in an arts-based organization.

- www.beaconhillstaffing.com
- www.aguent.com
- www.creativecircle.com
- Be sure to see the TOCD Temp Listing Handout!

Real Estate Broker NYC's highly saturated rental market allows you to make your own hours. Many people need agents that will show them properties in the evening and on weekends.

- www.dos.ny.gov/licensing Click on "Real Estate Professionals" Brokers link to access "Brokers FAQ"
- www.corenyc.com

ART INDUSTRY GIGS

Crewing A great way to practice your craft on someone else's project and get paid for it. Positions can turn into long-term relationships or you can simply freelance on projects.

- www.mandy.com
- www.artcubenation.com
- www.staffmeup.com
- Local Zero Heroes Facebook group (search on Facebook and request permission to join)

Extra Casting Make a couple extra bucks if you type in and earn days towards Union health care and privileges.

- www.nycastings.com (Non-Union)
- www.extrasaccess.com

Private Lessons Coach auditions, teach that dance technique you picked up while abroad, or provide an additional resource for individuals looking to break into the performing arts. Post a flier on local community boards, in your local supermarket, temple, or church or even on Craigslist.

Ticket Services/Usher Learn the ins and outs of front of house management and catch the hottest shows that you otherwise might not. Contact various theaters about their ushering programs.

www.playbill.com/job/listing

SERVICE/ ASSISTANCE

Bartender For a modest fee, you can get into the lucrative field of bartending with relative ease. Graduate with your license, skills, and contacts to ensure that you will always have an evening job.

www.newyorkbartendingschool.com

Caterer Flexible scheduling and high-profile events assure that your experience will be varied and interesting.

• www.greatperformances.com/careers

Childcare Nights and weekends and an opportunity to get out of that 500-square foot studio you share with three roommates.

- www.babysitters4hire.com
- www.sittercity.com
- www.care.com
- www.sittersstudio.com

Dog Walker Cramped apartments and busy lifestyles demand that dogs be walked frequently. Often early in the morning and in the evening.

- www.nycdogwalkers.com
- www.rover.com
- www.wagwalking.com

Elder Care Non-medical caretaking of the elderly is a rapidly growing field. With more and more families separated by miles and with the expense of care facilities rapidly rising, individual caretakers are in high demand.

- www.homeinstead.com
- www.joinpapa.com/papa-pal-qualified-application
- www.seniorhelpers.com

House Sitter Get paid to stay in and watch over some of the nicest apartments in the city while the owners are away on vacation. Often combined with pet sitting and plant watering.

Personal Assistant/ Organizer A great way to freelance while making connections and using your skills for time management and organization to assist someone in streamlining their life and making sure that they are on top of their calendars.

• www.lambentservices.com

Pet Sitter For many people, pets are a big part of the family. These gigs demand a comfort with animals and the ability to be on call when a family travels or needs someone to feed and care for their beloved companion.

- www.fetchpetcare.com
- www.rover.com

Retail Flexible hours with the added perk of extreme discounts. Can prove to demand the very best of your customer service skills and patience.

Tour Guide Love history? How about the diverse cuisines of the city? There are many companies that specialize in tours. From the gin mills to the best pizza in NYC there is a demand for those niche tour guides. Please note that licenses are required for guides in NYC.

- www.ganyc.org
- NYC Sightseeing Guide License Info: www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/businesses/licenses.page

Transcriber Listen to and transcribe audio recordings of interviews for a variety of industries. Work is done either onsite at the company's offices or at home, depending on the employer. Training is often provided; great job for people who are extremely detail-oriented and can type at least 60 words per minute.

- www.allegistranscription.com/services/transcription-jobs
- join.appen.com
- www.rev.com/freelancers

Virtual Call Center Customer Rep Work from home as you field questions and provide customer phone service for companies using your own phone line.

- join.liveops.com/work-from-home-call-center-jobs
- jobs.workingsolutions.com

TEACHING/MENTORING

Be an Expert Offer your expertise to individuals trying to break into the business, those who need a little bit of help using Final Cut or who want some suggestions on how to best develop their 35mm.

- www.liveperson.com
- See Art Industry Gigs Section

Yoga Instructor/Pilates Revitalize your body, mind, soul, and wallet by getting certified as a yoga teacher. There are studios all over the city that train instructors. The only equipment you need is your yoga mat.

www.yogaalliance.org

Personal Trainer What better way to keep yourself in shape? Your expertise can be transformed into a lucrative side business where you get to set the hours and clients.

Check local gyms, etc.

Substitute Teacher Contact the local school system to explore the possibility of subbing. Can lead to full-time employment in some systems.

www.schools.nyc.gov/careers/teachers/substitute-teaching

Tutor Exercise your brain and interpersonal communication skills by tutoring any range of subjects from 3rd grade math to acing the MCATS.

- www.wyzant.com
- www.kaplan.com
- www.princetonreview.com
- www.itutor.com
- www.vipkid.com
- https://teacher.qkids.net/
- https://outschool.com/teach#abk8esob0d

MISCELLANEOUS

Freelance Writer From theater reviews to news coverage to an advice column, get paid to publish. Take your blog to the next level by submitting your posts to various sites. The dividends are much larger than any adsense ad may provide.

- jobs.problogger.net
- www.freelancewritinggigs.com
- www.bloggingpro.com

Product Tester Indulge the trendsetter in you by testing the newest products being introduced to the market. Put all that keen insight that you have developed in school to work by sitting on focus group panels and critiquing new products and brands.

- www.secretshopper.com
- www.murrayhillnational.com/form/join-our-database

Proof Reader Every publication and company needs someone to look over their copy and articles before releasing them to the general public. Proofreading gigs can translate into long-term copy editor positions, etc.

- www.bookjobs.com
- www.scribendi.com

Research Studies (Medical) Participate in a range of studies to assist in scientific research while being paid. Be sure to carefully read and understand what each study requires.

- www.clinilabs.net
- www.prolific.co/participants

Outsourced Job Sites Bid on various online gigs to create web content/programs or provide clerical services such as data entry.

- www.guru.com
- www.upwork.com
- www.fiverr.com
- www.taskrabbit.com
- www.mturk.com (TOCD recommends consulting the www.mturkcrowd.com Forum for usage tips)

GENERAL JOB SITES TO BOOKMARK

Career Builder: www.careerbuilder.com

FlexJobs (Remote work): www.flexjobs.com (please note there's a subscription fee for access)

Idealist (Non-Profit and Volunteer): www.idealist.org

Indeed (Jobs, Salaries, Trends searchable by job and location): www.indeed.com

Steady (Remote work): https://steadyapp.com

Survival Jobs for Actors: www.survivaljobsforactors.com