

Could this job be for you?

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Finding a job in high school can be difficult, but there are more options that you may not have thought about. The job at a car wash, sounds like it would be difficult, but Logan Schmidt knows otherwise. He has been working at Cardinal Auto Wash and Beverage; it's his uncle's car wash. He's been working there for about a year now and he says, "I believe that it's a really easy going job for the most part." He says that there are a variety of ages that work there as well, so this could be a good job for really anyone that is looking and it also gives you a good variety of ages to work with.

When learning how to run the car wash, he mentions that there are a lot of positives to the job such as "...feeling a sense of trust from my boss after I learn new things and do them on my own." He also says, "I feel free when I am working at my job." He definitely feels comfortable in the job that he is working right now. Schmidt mentions that there are downsides as well to this job such as customers that aren't paying attention while he's trying to move things along in the wash. He has to guide the driver so that they can get on the conveyor belt type of machine. He says, "A lot of the customers are on their phone and so it makes it a lot harder to catch their attention."

On their first day, the new hire would first talk to Glen, he is the owner, and he explains the responsibility they have there and then they talk to Rob, one of the other higher ranking people in the place, and he explains how to run the wash. Schmidt says that an easy part of the job that would be good for a beginner would be detailing (restoring and cleaning a car) the cars.

Schmidt doesn't plan on making this a real career for himself, but he said maybe if he had some friends that could run a business like his uncle did that he would consider it. Schmidt plans

to stay there for about 1-4 years. He just doesn't like the commute due not having his license and having to get a ride to work. There is a lot of responsibility in this job especially when you are running the wash by yourself as Schmidt does. When he runs the wash alone, he has to take money, make sure people get on the belt correctly, and make sure that the machine is operating well. He says the most difficult thing about running the wash by himself is making sure he doesn't miss any cars and making sure nothing breaks. It also goes back to making sure people are paying attention. It requires a lot of attention and keeping the process going.

As a high school student, Schmidt really would suggest the car wash as a good job to apply for. Any age can fit in and it is a great learning experience to be on your feet and working for your money. So do you think this could be a job that you could start out with?