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Five Side Hustles to Earn Extra Money

It's never a bad thing to have some extra income. If you're trying to figure out how to make up for an expensive holiday shopping season, embarking on a side hustle could be your answer. In order to start the New Year in a financially good place, here are five side jobs that could bring you some extra money going into 2024.

Rideshare Driver

You can earn a decent wage driving other people around. Rideshare companies are always looking for more drivers. Whether it's Uber, Lyft, or another company, you have the potential to earn \$15 an hour or more! The holiday season is a great time to start a rideshare job because of all the celebrations taking place. There are a lot of people traveling for the holidays, and when they're back home and enjoying a night out, they would be smart to call for a car. If people flew in, they're going to need transportation to and from the airport. The opportunities are there, and that extra cash will help.

Pet-sitter

When people go on vacation and can't bring their pet, they will most likely need a pet-sitter. If you love animals, then pet-sitting is a great way to make some extra cash. There are a couple ways to get started. Find a pet friendly location and do some socializing or use a local bulletin board to post services. Social media is a great advertising tool, as well! There's also pet-sitting apps where you can set up a profile and advertise your services. There will be plenty of people who need pet sitters, especially during a busy travel season.

Airbnb Host

Lately, everything seems to be getting expensive, and hotels are no exception. A lot of people are looking for less costly alternatives. This is where you come in. Do you enjoy hosting people? If you're social and have a spare room, list it on Airbnb! As long as you keep the space clean and presentable, a good host can make a decent amount of money on the side. Some hosts use the extra cash to help with bills or even their mortgage.

Craft Seller

Artisan markets and craft fairs are extremely popular, especially for holiday gifts. Relatives can be difficult to shop for and people really want unique and original items. Websites like Etsy and eBay make selling your crafts online even easier. If you love to make things, you can earn some extra money by selling your creations! Use social media to find local events to attend, or if you're more interested in online marketplaces, there is information on them everywhere your browser can reach.

Freelance Writer

Writing can be more than just a hobby. If you already keep a journal or a personal blog, you can turn your writing into cash! Write about topics that really interest you and pitch your work to local publications or websites. There are also sites like Fiverr or Upwork where you can start publishing your work.

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