

50

ALTERNATIVES

to a College Degree



CrushTheStreet.com

←22-51
WALL S



NOTE: Hold CTRL when clicking a link so it opens in a new browser window.

Introduction

Crush The Street is committed to providing information and resources to help you increase your personal wealth. We are happy to say that 99% of our content is free and readily available to the general public.

Please also checkout our other videos, articles and reports at CrushTheStreet.com

- 1) **Learn to develop mobile apps.**
Mobile apps are a huge part of our daily lives, and there are always new ideas that can be brought to life. By learning how to develop them, you can experiment with the market or work for someone else as a freelancer or employee.
- 2) **Become an animal breeder.** This can actually become a lucrative job. Find an animal you like and research the market. See what it takes to breed them, and which specific traits you're looking for. Then it's just a matter of caring for them.
- 3) **Review restaurants.** This is a fun job because you get to go eat where you want, and review the experience so others know what to expect. You can do this via a blog or possibly even link up with a local newspaper for income.
- 4) **Drive a taxi.** This is a great way to meet people from all walks of life, and learn things you might not ever know. Some have even found their careers through the networking done while driving taxis.
- 5) **Become a babysitter.** This is especially useful if you already have a child, in that you can save money. Even if not, you can earn while doing it, and it's a great way to work from home.
- 6) **Volunteer at a children's hospital.**
This is something that's always needed. There are many children that can use more enjoyment while in the hospital. Things like reading to them, being a clown, or just visiting them goes a long way towards improving their experience.
- 7) **Assist with political campaigns.**
This is a good way to meet those that are in power or might become empowered. You can help shape the campaign, get someone you like into office, and build a great network of friends while doing it.
- 8) **Learn to detail expensive cars.** This is a job that pays well, but comes at the cost of needing to be experienced. Detailing exotic cars is a lot different than simply washing an average vehicle. It takes attention to detail and extreme care. With that comes great pay!
- 9) **Become a camp counselor.** This is a great way to learn how to give advice, listen to problems, and help create activities for youth. It also has the benefit of giving free camp (such as summer camp) access, and you can learn a lot.





50 Alternatives to College



- 10) **Become a property manager.** This is most often needed with apartment complexes, and it gives business experience. You learn how to deal with tenants (making sure they pay on time), schedule repairs, and ensure the complex is running smoothly. In return, most complexes will include a free apartment room to stay in.
- 11) **Work in a movie theater.** Free movie showings? Check. Early previews? Sometimes. If you love movies, this is a great way to spend time. And it can even turn into a career if you rise up the ranks, leading to more pay and better benefits!
- 12) **Become an oil painter.** This is a great creative outlet, and it allows you to create stories behind the art. Joining art fairs can also result in earning money from the work, as well as recognition.
- 13) **Coach a little league team.** This is a way to teach others, while giving kids that might otherwise not be able to play sports a chance to do them. It also opens the doors for networking, as a sort of leader.
- 14) **Join Job Corps.** This is a program run by the U.S. Department of Labor that offers free training and vocational classes. This is offered to those that are between 16 and 24, and is set up to improve the quality of life of those that may not have the opportunity otherwise.
- 15) **Start a shop at a local flea market.** You can start selling items at a local flea market, which helps with business skills and understanding how to gauge and capitalize on local markets.
- 16) **Start a moving company.** This is a job that's always in demand, and you just need to help pack things up and get them moved to another location. Depending on the amount of local work, it could even become a full-time gig.
- 17) **Make parodies to songs.** Parodies are a great way to get extra enjoyment out of pre-existing songs, and a lot of listeners love them. This is a way to show your creative prowess, while at the same time gaining a following.
- 18) **Become a vine creator.** Vines are short videos that are designed to make the audience laugh (in most cases). They can be shot on cell phones or actual cameras, and are then uploaded to a database for others to view. This can also be lucrative, if your videos become popular.
- 19) **Give a try at voice-overs.** Advertising companies, cartoon creators, and more all need voice-overs. If you have a great announcement voice, for example, you can do book readings and the like.
- 20) **Start a comic.** This can be online-only or can be added to things like the local newspaper. Find a topic you enjoy and start drawing. See how people react to it and take it from there!





50 Alternatives to College



- 21) **Volunteer at conventions.** There are a lot of conventions, and some of them can get costly. Usually, though, there is a way to volunteer and get free entry, depending on what your interest is. This is one of the best methods of networking with others in the field you enjoy, while not paying a lot of money to do so.
- 22) **Learn to fly helicopters.** Helicopters can give a chance to give sight-seeing tours, fly for important people, or even handle things like a medevac. Plus, due to their versatility, they offer a lot of options in terms of flight paths.
- 23) **Do public relations.** This is a great job for anyone that has a lot of experience with networking, and especially those that have already formed their own network. Use the skills to help get companies and causes known to the public.
- 24) **Build a house.** Quite a few people have done this all on their own. With the Internet at our disposal, all the information needed is readily available. All it takes is a search!
- 25) **Run a dog kennel.** This is actually a job that can pay well, as people often need kennels when they go out of town or are otherwise unable to care for their pet for a day or longer. In fact, looking at the local newspaper, it's usually fairly easy to find someone that's looking for a dog sitter!
- 26) **Become a mascot.** Businesses are often looking for someone to help build their brand image. Being a mascot allows for helping the business, earning money, and can often be a fun event!
- 27) **Work in a game room.** This can be a lot of fun, if you enjoy playing games in arcades. Not only will you spend a lot of time around the games, but free play is usually included. So essentially you get paid to have fun. What's not to like?
- 28) **Learn to edit videos.** This is a pretty in-demand skill, both in the workplace and freelancer market. Learn how to cut and make videos more fluid, and you can do pretty well. And the best part is that these are skills that can be learned from the library or YouTube!
- 29) **Advertise local businesses.** Businesses need customers, and that takes some form of advertising. Offer to advertise for local businesses in return for money or other things. A lot of time, they will be more than willing to work something out with you, creating a win-win situation.
- 30) **Become a server in a restaurant.** The success of this is largely dependent upon people skills, but that also makes it a great way to learn better socialization. If you can make the customers happy, that leads to tips!
- 31) **Be a bartender.** This one can be more profitable than just being a server, but it also deals with a different set of people, and requires a lot more knowledge (i.e., how to make various drinks). But like being a server, it involves a lot of socializing, which makes it a great way to meet new people.





50 Alternatives to College



32) **Learn motorcycle maintenance.**

Some people do maintenance on their motorcycles on their own. But with the frequency in which it's needed, it is possible to start a business that revolves around finding a balance between saving the owner's time and the cost it would take for both parties to be happy. The best part about this is that due to its frequency, it's possible to keep a steady income stream.

33) **Work in a casino.** This is a great way to get increased revenue through tips, the jobs come with quick learning curves, and it gives a fast-paced environment, rather than spending a lot of time bored.

34) **Get a job in a call center.** While it won't make you rich, working in a call center is fairly easy and involves talking to a wide range of people. And sometimes you even get to talk to someone famous!

35) **Work at the Post Office.** This is easiest around the holidays, where the Post Office needs seasonal workers to help with the increased load. After the season, there is also often the option of staying on longer, delivering mail, helping sort it, etc.

36) **Learn to race RC cars.** Remote-controlled cars are part of their very own competitions, where you can earn money and free parts just by racing against other competitors. And this is something you can do regardless of age. Getting a sponsorship can increase earnings, leading to its own full-time work.

37) **Play poker.** If you can learn how to read opponents and play poker well, it's easy to get noticed by poker sites and casinos, who will then work out

a sponsorship deal. The downside is that getting that far is rough, but the good part is that it's possible to make side income even without being a professional.

38) **Be a greeter at a business.** Some businesses -- like Walmart -- have a greeter. All this entails is being at the door in case someone needs help, and to thank people for coming in.

39) **Become a realtor.** Some of the big-name realtors will offer free training to those that want to work with them. This is a quick and easy way to get in the realty business, and it can be quite lucrative if you're able to sell a lot of homes.

40) **Work at a car dealership.** This is a lot like the realty business, but you spend most of your time in one location, dealing with a small subset of options. The earnings on a per-sale basis are lower, but it's possible to be extremely successful here, too.

41) **Design websites.** This is more of a creative job than anything -- it's possible to learn this all on your own through YouTube and various Internet tutorials. From here, just reach out to businesses and show them a portfolio you've created.

42) **Become a graphics designer.** This usually links up with website designers, but is more about the vision and being able to portray it in images than it is about coding. If you're able to draw pictures based on what clients are wanting, this is a great fit.





50 Alternatives to College



43) **Do surveys and focus groups.**

These can pay a decent amount, and are usually quick and easy to do. In a lot of cases, they are also a lot of fun, allowing you to have a direct impact on new creations in different industries.

44) **Clean houses.** This is an in-demand job because a lot of people would rather hire someone else to clean their home than to do it themselves.

There are enough that it's possible to get a customer list going and turn this into a full-time gig.

45) **Sell items on eBay.** Going to garage sales is a great way to snag cheap items that may go for more on eBay. With smart phones, it's easy to check the value of items before even leaving the location, so you always know what is and isn't worth getting.

46) **Open a consignment shop.** Selling items takes time and space. Consignment shops are great because they help alleviate both of those concerns for customers. Instead of them having to try to sell things on their own, they just entrust them to you, and the sales price is split according to your agreement. This also means that all you need is a location – if the items don't sale, the owner simply takes them back.

47) **Become a truck driver.** Truck drivers are always in high demand, due to being used for tens of thousands of shipments a day. As a result, training is often free, and most

truck driving companies will even offer a job right after it's done. The pay is also great, but this all comes at the cost of spending a lot of time out on the road.

48) **Learn to prepare taxes.** A large number of people don't like to do their own taxes because of fear they may do something wrong. As a result, they look for someone else to do their taxes, and a lot of tax offices offer free training to new potential employees. It's a job that helps learn how to do your own taxes, as well as giving a jumpstart on a financial career.

49) **Work in a theme park.** Whether it's at the game section, food court, or controlling one of the rides, this can be an enjoyable job if you're interested in being around swarms of people all the time. Plus you get to see everything that happens in the background!

50) **Do voice-overs.** This is a job that pays pretty well, because not everyone can do it. Usually people are looking for specific-sounding voices, and if you can mimic a lot of others (such as characters from TV shows or cartoons), it can really open the doors to a lot of opportunities. And who knows, you could even be tasked to do a voice-over for a new commercial!

[See Next Page]





BONUS: Here's 45 More Ideas

- 1) **Take Up Art:** Whether it's learning how to write, play instruments, draw using acrylic paints, or take photographs, art can be both an outlet and a financial helper. And because art is about the story behind it, it allows for creativity and relaxation.
- 2) **Join Charities:** There are many charities that can be joined, helping others and learning in the process. Some of them can even bring direct benefits, through things like free food or lodging, and possibly even traveling to places most people will never get the chance to go! This can be a temporary (week or two) deal or a more long-term (years) one that leads to a greater understanding of the world around us.
- 3) **Play Sports:** Sports can offer health benefits, making you fit, and they help build relationships with those around you. These relationships can often turn into long-time friendships, as well as invaluable connections when it comes to the job world and beyond.
- 4) **Volunteer in a Hospital:** Whether you just want to help others or think you might want to be a doctor or nurse, this is the perfect method to do so. Before committing to things like medical school (with high costs and stressful hours), volunteering at a hospital ensures you know what you're getting into and that you enjoy it... before you actually go through all that work! There's a lot more to it than most people realize from the outside.
- 5) **Work as a Paralegal:** Much like working in the hospital, being a paralegal allows you to see what happens in the attorney world. Stressful hours and various duties are seen here, and it can be what helps determine whether or not pursuing a legal career is really what you want to do. Offer up free work in return for seeing what really happens – the experience itself is where the value comes from.
- 6) **Take Online Classes at MIT OpenCourseWare:** MIT OpenCourseWare has opened the doors to a lot of free online courses, and they're the same ones that appear in MIT itself. In fact, a lot of the lectures are recorded from the physical classes, and come with the same homework, tests and reading assignments the in-class students utilized. A premium education with no cost, and it's self-paced!
- 7) **Get a Job Today:** Get a job. Anywhere you want. Maybe at a restaurant because you like their food and they offer it free (or reduced) for employees. Or GameStop because you're a gamer and want discounts. Whatever the case, having a job – even if it's not one you want forever – gives financial strength and helps learn about dealing with other people and learn how to cope with various situations. Furthermore, this can lead to learning about a business you can improve on, later becoming the boss! Or you can rise up in the current business, and turn a non-career job into one.





50 Alternatives to College



8) **Become an Actor:** Whether it's for a play, skits, or local commercials, learning how to act is a great benefit with a lot of real-world applications. It teaches how to think outside the box, how to be versatile and conquer different challenges, and gives the opportunity to break out of your shell and just do something different. If you're really successful, it could even lead to television or movie parts!

9) **Sell Real Estate:** Real estate agents deal with marketing and sales on a regular basis, with some of the toughest clients there are: home buyers. Buying a home is the biggest purchase decision most families make, and learning how to sell to them is something that gives a lot of experience that is useful for other jobs (such as business-to-business sales). Not to mention, you can use this experience and knowledge to make a more informed decision if you ever decide to get a new home for yourself!

10) **Become a Networker:** Get to know people and host events to help people network together. Parties, seminars, etc. are all perfect for this, and the best part is that as the center of the group, you are essentially the star. Find a niche you enjoy (like entrepreneurship, inventing, or politics) and start finding others that are interested in the same area. In no time, you'll be building up a networking list.

11) **Learn to Master a Game:** Whether it's a board game, card game, or video game, mastering one teaches valuable skills. It teaches how to overcome challenges, face opponents (in a positive light), and learn from mistakes. And once you've learned how to master one, it's much easier to master others, and this skill can even be transferred into the job world and relationships.

12) **Write a Movie or Television Script:** Writing scripts for shows and movies helps teach critical and analytical thinking. It also stresses creativity, and visualizing situations that haven't actually occurred. This is a huge strength when it comes to formulating plans and coming up with roads to success.

13) **Learn Yoga:** And do it daily! This helps clear the mind, assists with getting physically in shape (and much more limber), and is known to enhance the ability to think, boost effectiveness in other areas of life, and overall make you feel better. The trick with this is to keep at it and stick with it.

14) **Take Up Local Odd-Jobs:** Things like gardening, physical labor, and mowing are always in demand. Go to your neighbors and see who needs things done around them. This is a simple way to get a job freelancing (bringing in revenue) on your own time, as well as gain a lot of different skills for the future, and learn through doing.

15) **Be a Party Planner:** Companies and individuals are always looking for a new event or party. Be the one that hosts them. Birthday parties, corporate events, and social events are huge, and you can connect with the community while doing it. Not to mention taking part in the events you set up!





50 Alternatives to College



16) **Learn a Foreign Language:** Learning a foreign language helps open your mind, keep the brain juice flowing, and allows for conversing with people that otherwise might not be possible. Knowing more than one language also offers benefits in a lot of jobs, since you can talk to customers or other business representatives in their own native language. Or even learn to teach it yourself!

17) **Make Videos:** YouTube is a great place for posting your own videos, and you can gain a following (Internet fame), and possibly take it further. It's also a way to fast-track an acting career, singing, or just show off creative flow. And YouTube content creators are eligible to earn money from videos!

18) **Learn to Fix Cell Phones:** Everyone knows someone that needs cell phone repair. They drop, their batteries die, etc. And the good thing about fixing them is that all the information (and detailed guides) are easily found through a quick search on Google or Bing! Use this to help others fix their cell phones, and you can knock out quick gigs that pay decently.

19) **Learn to Program:** There are many sites that have programming tutorials, and programming is basically just using creative methods to get something done. Once you've mastered one programming language, it's easy to use others, and the knowledge gained from this helps with learning other new skills. Not to mention developers are among some of the higher paid professions!

20) **Train Dogs:** Training dogs is a test of patience and understanding. It helps learn how to deal with another being (or in this case dogs), which is essential as a social skill. This is something that can help strengthen relationships, friendships, etc., as the patience itself is something most of us need on a daily basis.

21) **Volunteer at a Zoo:** Zoos contain a great wealth of information, and they're an awesome place to volunteer. You get to meet other animal lovers, learn how animals are cared for (like bears and lions), and possibly even get to take part in their care yourself. It's something very few people get to do!

22) **Write Songs:** Lyrically, songs take a bit of work. You're working with both a beat and verbal flow, which requires a strong grasp of the English language (or another, if you take that path) and fitting things together. This makes it a strong creative outlet, and could even lead to a job writing lyrics for others.

23) **Learn to Drive Race Cars:** Most of us have had that desire to get behind the wheel of a race car and take it around the track. Or even just go on a drag strip. Learning how to drive a car in these extreme conditions requires great hand-eye coordination, and fast reflexes. But if you master it, you could actually get sponsored to drive cars!

24) **Write Guest Blog Posts:** If you want to get your message out to others (and gain a following in the process), hit up your favorite sites and ask if they accept guest posts. You'd be surprised at how many will, and that opens you up to a huge readership. And in some cases, site owners may even offer payments in return for the articles.





50 Alternatives to College



25) **Join a Volunteer Fire Department:** A lot of kids want to be a firefighter when they grow up, and there are usually opportunities to volunteer at fire departments. This not only helps learn real-world safety skills (and how to protect your own home), but gives the chance to help save other lives and network with the community.

26) **Make an Invention:** We all know of something we wish was improved or something we want created that would make our lives easier. There's no better person to make this happen than yourself. And in the process of inventing your life-changing item or enhancement, you can also create the next big thing (meaning money and fame)!

27) **Become an Internet Marketer:** Internet marketing is something that benefits businesses both online and offline, and it's easy to get started. Simply utilize your existing networks to help a business get exposure, and work on building bigger networks through friends and family. Over time, you can get big enough to be called on by large companies to assist with their marketing needs, and then you're just leveraging the system you've already built.

28) **Pitch a Television Show:** Television shows are always being added and removed from your favorite channels, and some of them are originally created by individuals just like you. Come up with a solid idea, shoot a pilot episode to help show off your idea of what would make a great show, and pitch it to the networks it would best fit with.

29) **Become a Movie Extra:** Recruiters are always looking for more movie extras. These opportunities may be found on producer websites or places like Craigslist, and they offer the chance to actually be in a movie (and be paid for it). This is also a good way to meet others within the movie scene, if you're interested in possibly having a bigger part in the future.

30) **Take Classes On edX.org:** edX is an online source for college courses that span many different universities (and countries/continents). Courses cover pretty much any topic you can think of, and there are certificates given to those that complete a course with a certain grade (such as 70%), much like a college. The best part is that it's absolutely free, and the courses are designed specifically to be taken online!

31) **Help With Research:** If you love to interact with others and want to learn how people think in the process, helping with research is one of the best ways to do this. Usually it will entail going through a sample set of individuals and asking questions and recording their answers, which gives a lot of social interaction and learns likes, dislikes and thought processes. It also helps open your eyes to how different (and in some ways similar) people are!

32) **Become a Model:** This idea that models are only the most slender people with flawless skin is completely false. There are models of all shapes and sizes, and there's no reason why you can't be one, regardless of your age, height, or anything else. Find companies that often show models that are similar to yourself, and just reach out and see how you can become one!

33) **Take Part in Motivational Seminars:** These seminars are designed to help you be more successful in life. They teach dos and don'ts for thinking and actions, and are invaluable when you put them into action. You can do anything you put your mind to... all it requires is being willing to keep pushing, regardless of how tough things get.





50 Alternatives to College



34) **Spend Time in the Wilderness:** Explore nature, hike, and bike. Go to the wilderness and just live for a while off the land. Learn about the world around us that we often take for granted, and get a new outlook on it. Camping out is one thing. Actually going out into the wilderness to fend for yourself for a week or two is completely different.

35) **Learn to Fly a Plane:** Most small airports have lessons on how to fly airplanes. You usually pick the plane you want to fly in, and you will be given a cost and an instructor. Once you've gone through all of the instruction courses, you get to fly it on your own. And once you've logged enough flight hours, you are able to get a license to fly by yourself. Then you can take others, do tours, etc.!

36) **Volunteer at a Library:** Libraries are almost always looking for help. Whether it's helping patrons check out their books, dealing with returns, or putting them back on the shelves, there is usually something that can be done. And being in the library makes it easy to see the latest and greatest books that are added to the collection, as well as makes it easy to read to your heart's content.

37) **Backpack Across the Country:** Or even backpack across another continent, like Europe. Just take off, follow the trail (or off the trail), and see what's out there. Trade knowledge and skills for things like a room for the night or dinner, and keep going from one location to another, learning about the locals, their customs, food, etc. This is a great way to get a real cross-cultural experience, and it doesn't even come at a great cost!

38) **Become a Mentor:** Work with troubled youths or those that just need someone to help mentor them through life. Most places have "big brother" and "big sister" programs, where you can temporarily adopt a child and be a role model for them. This is a good way to help others, while at the same time offering a different outlook on life. And these programs are often life changers for the children that are involved.

39) **Run for Office:** Every city has various positions in their government, as well as states and the country itself. Run for a position in your local, state or national government. A lot of times, there are also positions that come without any contesters, and sometimes those that are already in the position would love to get out of it (and just can't find anyone that wants to replace them). Even if you run and don't make it, you gain networking skills in the process and help make yourself much more known in your community. And you can always try again the next time!

40) **Write Movie Reviews:** Most people want to read about movies before they go and spend the money to watch it in the theatre. With tickets running as much as \$13-14 in some places, it can get expensive to see one that simply isn't worth it. By watching movies and giving your personal opinions, you help give people much more informed decisions on whether they want to watch them or not. And if you get picked up by a magazine or other news source, you can make a living doing it!





50 Alternatives to College



41) **Do a Fundraiser:** There are programs all over the place that could use more funds. Non-profits are almost always starving for money, and you can help by running a fundraiser. Places like Kickstarter are good methods, but you can run them in personal as well, selling things like chocolate bars. This lets you give to a good cause, while helping out your community in areas where it's needed.

42) **Become a Tutor:** There's a saying that says the best way to learn is by teaching. If you can teach someone else to do something you can, you've truly mastered the material. Whether it's a school subject (like math, science, etc.) or something like sewing, you're able to help yourself while helping someone else. And you can even charge for lessons, especially in academia and music, leading to income at the same time.

43) **Help Direct Plays:** Schools and other places host different plays throughout the year. You can help with directing these plays, gaining experience of working with others and helping them see what you see (visualize the play the same way you do). This is a skill very few have refined, and it's invaluable for leadership positions in the future.

44) **Write for the Newspaper:** There are newspapers all around us, and they're all looking for the next big story. Individuals like you can pitch a story idea to the editor (their information is found in the newspaper itself or on their website, if they have one), and if it's picked up, you can get a payment and have it seen by all of the paper's readers. This can lead to a job as a journalist, or even move up the ranks as you learn and refine your skills.

45) **Enjoy Life:** There's a saying that if you enjoy what you do, you'll never work a day in your life. This can't be stressed enough, and you can make a living doing pretty much anything. All you have to do is find a way to monetize it or find customers that are willing to pay. Lock down on the things you like the most, and evaluate them for income potential. You might be amazed at how many things you like doing that can easily be turned into a job!

Final Thoughts

We hope you've found value with our report; if you have any questions or comments you can email our chief consultant at Kenneth@crushthestreet.com

This report is a product of CrushTheStreet.com

