



Hello, Hello, Hello!

The school year has come to an end and summer is around the corner. CONGRATULATIONS to all of the recent high school and college graduates! A lot has happened during your time in school and you pulled through. YOU DID IT!! Good luck as you embark on this new chapter in your life.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for the Money Coach Scholarship Contest! Below are the names of the winners. **Please submit your direct deposit form by June 20th to receive your award.**

Congratulations to the following recipients for winning \$1,000! **Congratulations to the following recipients for \$700!**

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Featured Topic: Ways to increase your income

With the cost of living going up, it's so important to utilize our resources and maximize our skills to bring in more income. It may not always be the easiest to recognize the "how", but there is a great reason to because of the "why." If you're stuck trying to figure out how you can increase your income, here are some ways you can make a little extra cash.

1. **Look for a better paying job.** Search for job postings on sites like [Jobs That Help](#), [MilwaukeeJobs](#), [Indeed](#), and [LinkedIn](#). Set up email alerts so that new jobs that meet your interests are delivered to your email. Talk to those in your network to see if they know of any openings. The more people you have looking into jobs for you, the more opportunities will come your way.
2. **Ask for a raise.** Ask to schedule a meeting to discuss a pay increase. Come to the meeting prepared to demonstrate the value that you bring to the company/organization. Examples of your contributions, accomplishments, and times that you went above and beyond will help to demonstrate your worth. If a raise isn't an option, see if your job is open to giving out a bonus as a reward for high performance.
3. **Turn your skills/passions into a side hustle.** There are lots of ways to do this. You can use sites like [Etsy](#) to sell goods you make. You can also look at freelance websites such as [TaskRabbit](#) and [Fiverr](#) to find jobs relating to your skillset.
4. **Sell unwanted items.** If there's stuff sitting around your house, sell it! There are websites out there such as [Poshmark](#) and [Thredup](#) that will buy back items for a service fee charge. Some local secondhand/thrift stores may pay for items as well. Facebook also has lots of neighborhood-based groups where you can post things for sale.
5. **Invest.** Investing is a great way to make your money work for you. You don't have to have a lot of money to start investing. You can begin small. Click [here](#) to learn the basics about investing. More information on investing to come in next month's newsletter!
6. **Get a second job.** It doesn't have to be related to your current job nor be permanent. Come up with a particular goal or timeline and focus on accomplishing it with your part-time job.

Resource Highlight: Volunteerism

There's a saying, "It's not what you know, it's who you know." Why is that? It's because social capital (the people in your network) has value. The bigger your network, the more exposure you have to opportunities you may not have known about otherwise.

Think back to your time in Money Coach. Think about the coaches you interacted with during the program and how they assisted you. What tips and advice did they share with you? What resources did they introduce to you? You can impact someone else in your own, similar way. There is power in reaching back to open doors for those around you.

Volunteerism is a way to help others, while also broadening your network and building skills. Volunteering can even lead to a paid job that you love! There are many different ways to volunteer. Check out the links below to find volunteer opportunities near you.

- [United Way](#)
- [VolunteerMatch](#)
- [Volunteering in the Milwaukee area](#)

Become a SecureFutures volunteer! Volunteers play an essential part in SecureFutures programming. We love working with former students as volunteers. You all bring such a unique perspective to the volunteer experience. Sign up with this [link](#) or click [here](#) to learn more.

Ask the Expert

Do you have financial or career questions? Ask the experts! We have a network of people knowledgeable in various areas able and ready to assist you! [Fill out the survey](#) to let us know what topics/areas you would like to learn more about.

Upcoming Events

If you haven't yet, take the [Money Coach Longitudinal Study](#) to receive your choice of a \$10 gift card from Amazon, Starbucks, or Target!

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