State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

DAILY JOB LISTINGS

4800 W Chicago Ave,
Chicago, IL 60651
TEL: 773-378-5902
FAX: 773-378-5903

Oak Park Office
816 S Oak Park Ave, Suite A
Oak Park, IL 60304
TEL: 708-445-FORD (3673)

Springfield Office
239-E Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
TEL: 217-782-5962
FAX: 217-557-4502

Chicago Austin * Oak Park * Riverside * North Riverside * Brookfield * Berwyn * Proviso Township * Forest Park * La Grange * LaGrange Park * Western Springs

10/01/2016

IST | Illinois Student Transportation

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENINGS
PART-TIME

Looking for Drivers
WILL TRAIN YOU FOR YOUR CDL LICENSE

What's In It For You?

- ***Commercial Drivers License!***
- Vacation & Holiday Pay!
- Safety Classes
- Year-round Work
- Join Our Large Family of Bus Drivers!

CDL TRAINING!

We Invest In Our Community!

GET STARTED ON YOUR CDL TODAY!

IST | Illinois Student Transportation
459 N. Pulaski
Chicago, IL 60624

Call Us Today!
(773) 638-3660

WORKFORCE@LASHAWNFORD.COM PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD JOB LEADS TO OTHERS
Jobs Found at: https://www.illinois.gov/sites/work/Pages/default.aspx

10/01/2016

CFL Workers Assistance Committee

Looking for a CAREER?
CDL Training and Employment Opportunity!

The CFL Workers Assistance Committee is recruiting individuals interested in obtaining their CDL and gaining employment in a high paying, local union truck driving position!

This is a great opportunity for training and employment with a notable trucking company.
Starting pay of $21.50 per hour plus great benefits!
Attend an upcoming orientation session to be considered for program.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Dislocated worker or military veteran
- HS Diploma or GED
- Ability to pass a physical and drug test
- *Background checks will be conducted
- Clean driving record & Illinois Resident
- At least 21 years of age
- Ability to read, write, & communicate in English
- Cook County Connection

Details:

Nine week comprehensive program that will prepare candidates for a career in the transportation industry; includes job readiness preparation and CDL training. Followed by On-the-Job-Training (OJT) and full time, permanent employment.

For more information and to sign up for an orientation session, contact Christopher Loverix at loverixc@cflwac.org or at (312) 565-9431 Ext. 454

Westchester Office: 9930 Derby Lane, Suite 203, Westchester, IL 60154

Downtown Chicago Office: 130 E. Randolph St. Suite 2600 , Chicago, IL 60601

The Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee is a mission-driven 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to developing and strengthening the skills of Chicagoland workers to fulfill the needs of area employers and vitalize the local economy.
Funded by the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership

CHICAGO COOK WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

TEAMSTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MILITARY

ILLINOIS workNet Partner

www.cflwac.org

4800 W. CHICAGO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60651 773.378.5902 FAX 773.378.5903
SIGN UP FOR DAILY JOB LEADS WWW.LASHAWNFORD.COM EMAIL JOB LEADS TO WORKFORCE@LASHAWNFORD.COM PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD JOB LEADS TO OTHERS
Jobs Found at: https://www.illinois.gov/sites/work/Pages/default.aspx

10/01/2016

Chicago Career Fair

Thursday, October 20, 2016

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Holiday Inn Chicago/Oak Brook
17 W 350 22nd St
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

What to bring... Bring plenty of resumes, as you'll be giving them directly to hiring managers at each company. If you have a multi-page resume, make sure your name and contact information are on each page. Be organized and bring supplies you might need i.e. pens, paper, business cards, etc. How long should you spend at the job fair... You can spend as little or as long as you want at the show. Plan to spend one hour at the event. You should be able to speak with at least ten company representatives or more in this time. What do I do at the job fair? Walk up to each company, introduce yourself, shake their hand, give them a resume and ask what positions they are looking for

For more information and to register, visit www.choicecareerfairs.com

10/01/2016

Chicago Job Fair December 8 2016 – 11am -2pm

The Congress Plaza Hotel
520 South Michigan Ave
Chicago IL 60605

For More Information, contact organizers at:

(714) 783-4228

info@besthirecareerfairs.com

Website Contact

https://www.besthirecareerfairs.com/

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Account Technician I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Healthcare & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 09/23/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,124.00 - $4,402.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	MP1980

Under general supervision, conducts technical accounting work; initiates Non-Institutional Providers' (NIPS) adjustments for the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) after receiving refund checks from medical providers for overpayments; instructs staff on new procedures; confers with inter and intra-agency staff and medical providers; receives and researches inquiries from the Comptroller's Office; gathers and analyzes information and develops reports for management and/or inter/intra-agency staff regarding delinquent provider accounts.

Agency Contact:
Kim Fitzgerald
Bureau of Medical Administrative Support
201 South Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62763

Work Telephone # (217) 558-5416
Fax # (217) 557-2565

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Account Technician II
Agency:	Department of Labor
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 09/22/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,447.00 - $4,491.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	15-00116-20016-2

Under general direction, performs technical accounting work in compiling a complex, complete set of general account books for the agency; processes and reviews vouchers, drafts requisitions and obligation documents for the procurement of goods and services; compiles financial and subsidiary ledgers, reconciles ledgers with reports; collects information and compiles vehicle control records, compiles financial reports; collects and updates state contract books, prepares deposits; performs other duties as required or assigned.

Contact:
Illinois Department of Labor
Attention: Ann Pufundt
900 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62704
Fax (217) 782-0596

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Accountant Advanced
Agency:	Central Management Services
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 09/23/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,969.00 - $5,913.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	12888

Under direction of the Accounting Manager, independently performs complex accounting work; confers with and provides information to SERS participants regarding the purchase of service time; processes the transfer of other retirement plans into the State's Deferred Compensation Plan; coordinates equipment, printing and special commodities purchases with procurement; updates values of the Plan's annuities semi-annually; assists the Accounting Manager with annual financial statements and GAAP package documents; coordinates refunds of over-deferrals; assists Plan participants with questions.

Agency Contact:
CMS HR-Internal Personnel
401 S. Spring St. Room 414
Springfield, IL 62702
217-558-3093
217-558-5943 Fax

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Accountant Supervisor
Agency:	Healthcare & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 09/28/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,377.00 - $6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	FO0141

Under direction, independently performs highly responsible, complex accounting work; documents, examines and analyzes complex reconciliations of Agency obligations and contracts for all appropriated and non-appropriated accounts in Agency funds; assists in the design, development and implementation of an additional component accounting system or modifications to current system due to changes in State and Federal regulations as they relate to obligations; analyzes and evaluates Statewide Accounting Management System (SAMS) rules and regulations issued by the Office of the Comptroller regarding contracts and obligations; serves as working supervisor.

Contact Person:
Linda Stout
Bureau of Fiscal Operations
2200 Churchill Road, Building A-2
Springfield, Illinois 62702

217-785-9845 Office
217-782-1199 Fax

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Activity Program Aide II
Agency:	Veterans Affairs
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 09/23/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,719.00 - $3,779.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Adams County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	34-120-17-052

Under general supervision of the Volunteer/Activities Supervisor, plans and carries out a part of the Activity Therapy program at the Illinois Veterans Home-Quincy. Plans individual and group activities suitable for geriatric residents. Supervises group activity, parties and special events. Guides, leads and instructs residents in specific activity, encouraging individual interest in participation.

Apply to:
Illinois Veterans' Home
Human Resources Office
217/222-8641 ext 204

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Activity Therapist Coordinator
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 09/30/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,159.00 - $6,500.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Randolph County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-78-97859

Under general direction of the Activity Therapy Supervisor, serves as lead worker; plans, implements and evaluates the unit's activity therapy program; determines training needs for lower level staff; plans and evaluates unit programming, coordinates the duties of lower level staff, participates in facility-wide program planning, determines unit fiscal needs on a periodic basis, interprets activity therapy to other unit staff; verifies unit compliance with accepted rules and procedures regarding activity therapy and participating in the treatment team functions of the unit.

Contact: Rhonda Dunning/Kim Holsapple, Human Resources
(618) 826-4571, ext. 331
FAX: (618) 826-3398

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Actuary I
Agency:	Insurance
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 10/04/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,873.00 - $7,392.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	13011

Under administrative direction, reviews financial transactions and makes recommendations to superior. Participates in National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) conference calls pertaining to reserves and Risk Based Capital (RBC). Assists actuarial examiners in determining proper application of Illinois reserve laws and regulations to policies and contracts with nonstandard benefits or premiums. Reviews actuarial opinions and Regulatory Asset Adequacy Issues Summary (RAAIS)'s for regulatory compliance. Collaborates in the development of computer applications for the Life Actuarial Section and the Property Casualty Actuarial Section to help with analysis and review of insurance data. Drafts Administrative Rules and Statutes of an actuarial nature.

Agency Contact:
Department of Insurance
Attn: Human Resources
320 West Washington Street, 4th floor
Springfield, IL 62767
Fax: 217/558-2777

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Administrative Assistant I - Opt M1
Agency:	Corrections
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 09/29/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,338.00 - $6,500.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Christian County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC028
Bid ID#:	IDOC29-56-16-2505

Under general direction of the Warden (Senior Public Service Administrator), serves as assistant to the Warden; researches and gathers information and independently performs special projects and studies; analyzes and interprets data; develops and prepares special reports; provides guidance and direction to staff and inmates in resolving problems in the administrative office; coordinates, reviews assignments to assess and make recommendations for improvements based on system testing and analysis. Serves as liaison with facility management regarding the facility reviews in assigned areas. Develops summaries and reports on completed reviews for Warden's review.

AGENCY CONTACT: Amanda Wilson, HR Rep
Taylorville Correctional Center
PO Box 1000
Taylorville, IL 62568
(217) 824-4004 ext. 5205

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Administrative Assistant II - Opt C1
Agency:	Employment Security
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 09/30/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,612.00 - $6,990.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC028
Bid ID#:	RCRA 11740

Under general direction, serves as a staff assistant performing a variety of non-recurring staff functions for the Executive Deputy Director of Business Services. Performs administrative tasks, assists in the coordination and implementation of various operational programs, policies and procedures; serves as a liaison between the Executive Deputy Director of Business Services and internal and external agency management personnel. Serves as timekeeper, maintains weekly schedules and coordinates meetings.

APPLICANTS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY CERTIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES MUST APPLY PER THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THIS AGENCY.

Testing & Grading questions can be directed to:
CMS - 312-793-3565 (Chicago) or 217-524-1321 (Springfield)

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Analyst
Agency:	Executive Inspector General *
Salary:	$2,917.00 - $6,250.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	111

POSITION SUMMARY: Subject to the direction and supervision of the Director of Division of Hiring & Employment Monitoring and approval of the Executive Inspector General, serves as Analyst for the OEIG Division of Hiring & Employment Monitoring. The incumbent is responsible for performing a
variety of duties pertaining to the OEIG's mandate to ensure that hiring and employment decisions, practices, and programs comport with the law.

Springfield Office
607 E. Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701

Human Resources
312.814.1789

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Auditor I (Financial and Compliance Audit Operations)
Agency:	Auditor General *
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 10/11/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$40,004.00 - $44,004.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	4
Bid ID#:	020116C

The **Auditor I:**

1. Develops working knowledge of auditing techniques, Illinois State government, professional auditing standards, and State fiscal practices.

2. Serves as a contributing member of an audit team, completing assigned duties of limited scope and communicating with the team leader concerning proper methods to be applied in the audit context.

3. Receives controlled assignments of increasing difficulty and responsibility.

4. Conducts background research of agencies being audited, including examination of relevant statutes, rules and regulations.

To obtain an application, individuals may call (217) 782-6046 or TTY (888) 261-2887, e-mail us at jdahlquist@auditor.illinois.gov, write to the above address, or download our application form on line at www.auditor.illinois.gov. Assistance in completing the application is available for applicants with disabilities.

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Auditor I (Performance Audit Operations)
Agency:	Auditor General *
Salary:	$40,004.00 - $44,004.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	080916P

The **Auditor I:**

1. Develops working knowledge of auditing techniques, Illinois State government, professional auditing standards, and State fiscal practices.

2. Serves as a contributing member of an audit team, completing assigned duties of limited scope and communicating with the team leader concerning proper methods to be applied in the audit context.

3. Receives controlled assignments of increasing difficulty and responsibility.

4. Conducts background research of agencies being audited, including examination of relevant statutes, rules and regulations.

To obtain an application, individuals may call (217) 782-6046 or TTY (888) 261-2887, e-mail us at jdahlquist@auditor.illinois.gov, write to the above address, or download our application form on line at www.auditor.illinois.gov. Assistance in completing the application is available for applicants with disabilities.

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Beautician (Personal Service Contract)
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 09/28/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$25.00 - $25.00 hourly
Job Type:	Temporary
Location:	Cook County Zone 4, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	PR000
Bid ID#:	10-81-17086, 87

Provide hair care and grooming for patients at Elgin Mental Health Center.

Elgin Mental Health Center
750 S. State St.
Elgin, Il 60123
Contact: Brian Dawson
Office: 847-742-1040 ext 3000

Please submit resumes and license to: brian.p.dawson@illinois.gov

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Behavioral Analyst I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 09/27/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,159.00 - $6,218.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Kankakee County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-75-93914A

Responsible for performing professional Behavioral analysis and modification services for individuals at the Shapiro Center. Identifies, Develops, and recommends behavioral programs and goals for review and approval of the interdisciplinary team. Attends Center's Behavior Intervention Committee to present recommended behavior programs. With approval of guardian, Behavior Intervention Committee, and Human Rights Committee, incorporates approved program proposal into the individual program plan to effect positive changes in the individuals behavior. Instructs staff responsible for implementing treatment programs; monitors, models, and guides direct care staff as they interact with individuals to develop and reinforce proper adaptive behaviors; participates in interdisciplinary team meetings to develop, review and update individuals behavior intervention and habilitation plans; integrates various facility and community based services identified as necessary to meet each individuals needs.

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday with one early shift; one late shift; and, one weekend day per month.
Contact:
Shapiro Personnel Office, 100 E. Jeffery St, Kankakee, IL 60901 (fax: 815-939-8560).

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Boiler Safety Specialist
Agency:	State Fire Marshal
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 09/28/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$5,801.16 / Month
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	St. Clair County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC008
Bid ID#:	50-50-SFM16-022

Under general direction, performs technical duties of an inspectional and consultative nature in the administration of the Illinois Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act.

Agency Contact:
Robert Huck
Public Safety Shared Services Center
1301 Concordia Ct.
Springfield, IL 62702
217-557-6010 ext. 4217
217-782-8916 – Fax

10/01/2016

Job Title:	Budget Analyst I
Agency:	Office of Management and Budget
Closing Date/Time:	Sat. 10/01/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,417.00 / Month
Job Type:	Exempt
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Bid ID#:	001

- Examines and analyzes budget requests from agencies.
- Makes recommendations and provides technical assistance on budget levels for agencies and programs, taking in to account administration priorities, availability of resources and impact on programs.
- Assists in the negotiation of issues related to the budget or state programs, which may include reviewing, researching and recommending alternative budget strategies.
- Prepares/delivers written and oral presentations when necessary.
- Provides written comments on the fiscal and programmatic implications of General Assembly actions; prepares veto messages when needed; monitors agency appropriation bills and amendments.
- Does fund analysis of legislation.

Submit resumes by mail, fax, or e-mail.

E-mail: jobs.omb@illinois.gov

Attention Personnel:
603 Stratton Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Fax: 217-524-4876

10/01/2016

CMS EMPLOYMENT

Testing is offered on easy to use touch screen computers. Applicants are allowed at least 90 minutes to answer the questions on automated tests. On tests with a larger number of questions or more complex questions (Human Resources Assistant & Associate; Data Processing Specialist & Administrative Specialist; Disability Claims Adjudicator Trainee; Insurance Analyst II; Revenue Tax Specialist Trainee; Social Services Career Trainee; Telecommunicate Trainee), more time is allowed to complete the exam.

Public use copiers are not available at the Assessment Centers. Therefore, it is important that applicants bring with them copies of their application for each title and test option for which they want to test.

Chicago Office:
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-300
Chicago, IL 60601-3220
(312) 793-3565 (voice)
Illinois Relay Center 800) 526-0844

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY ONLY -- Flexible Schedule Testing Check in time for tests - clerical and non-clerical is anytime between 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

10/01/2016

What is the CTA Second Chance Program?

The CTA Second Chance Program is an initiative offered in conjunction with the City of Chicago and social service agencies throughout the city. Working closely with the Department of Family and Support Services, hard-to-place individuals are given an opportunity to obtain full-time employment and training which may enable a start of a long-term, meaningful career.

How to apply

Jobseekers need to actively participate in one of the 13 designated agencies' work readiness programs. The CTA Second Chance program is in regular communication with the agencies listed below. The agencies' top participants are referred to CTA for the bus servicer and rail car servicer Second Chance positions.

Click Here For the 13 Designated Agencies

What are the eligibility requirements and qualifications?

- Job seekers interested in participating must:
  - Reside within the City of Chicago
  - Be 18 years or older
  - Participate in 8-10 weeks of Job Readiness Training and obtain a certificate of completion from one of the13 referring agencies.
- Second Chance participants that are referred are required to be released from the following:
  - House arrest (wearing metal band/bracelet)
  - Drug/alcohol program (i.e. Methadone treatment)
  - Work release center
  -

10/01/2016

How many Second Chance positions are available?

Up to 265 Second Chance participants may be employed by CTA in one calendar year. Start and end dates per Second Chance participant are on a rolling basis.

How long does the program last?

Based on job performance and attendance, a participant may serve for 12 months or more.

How much does the program pay?

Participants are paid at a rate of $10.00 per hour and may work up to 40 hours per week. Pay checks are issued on a bi-weekly pay period.

How is a participant selected?

As positions become available, CTA contacts the referring agencies. Referring agencies recommend applicants who they have screened and who have successfully completed the job readiness program.

Once the referring agency recommends an applicant, what happens?

- Applicants are fingerprinted for background processing.
- Applicants complete a medical review.
- If the applicant passes background and medical what are the next steps?
  - Orientation/pre-hire
    - Applicants attend a new employee orientation thoroughly outlining program guidelines, eligibility requirements, job functions, placements, and Union participation.
    - Completion of all hiring documentation and application inserts
  - Training

10/01/2016

- Participants are required to complete a (paid) safety training prior to reporting to assigned work location.

- The overall performance and attendance/tardiness of each apprentice is scored.
- Supervisors and apprentices are required to review the scoring of the evaluations, solicit feedback and address any questions or concerns.
- Agencies provide individual case management on each apprentice and maintain periodic contact.

What happens when the participant successfully completes the program?

- Participants in good standing receive a certificate of completion and letter of reference from CTA.
- Providing there are no additional arrests or convictions on the participant's record, the Second Chance program participant is encouraged to apply for CTA vacancies.

Who can you call if you have questions?

If you still have questions about this program, you can contact the CTA Second Chance Hotline

- 312-681-2293.

10/01/2016

10 REASONS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ARMED FORCES

Whether you are considering the military out of a sense of Patriotism or duty, for action and adventure, or for a steady job in a depressed economy, there is something for everyone. Here are 10 reasons the military may be a good fit for you.

4800 W. CHICAGO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60651 773.378.5902 FAX 773.378.5903
SIGN UP FOR DAILY JOB LEADS WWW.LASHAWNFORD.COM EMAIL JOB LEADS TO WORKFORCE@LASHAWNFORD.COM PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD JOB LEADS TO OTHERS
Jobs Found at: https://www.illinois.gov/sites/work/Pages/default.aspx

10/01/2016

1. Patriotism, defending our nation, and a sense of duty. Military service is a time-honored way to serve others first. Walter Reuther is quoted as saying, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." (Source). This quote sums up what it means to serve. When you join the military, you learn the true meaning of service.

2. Jobs in a down economy. The US has experienced a difficult economy over the last few years, including high levels of unemployment, rising costs, and the outsourcing of many jobs. If you are looking for employment, consider the military, which continues to offer jobs for those who are qualified medically and academically, and who do not have an extensive criminal record.

3. Pay and benefits. A new second lieutenant starts at over $36,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to $3,000, depending on where he or she is stationed. An enlisted person starts at around $20,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to $1,500 depending on where he or she is stationed. Enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses can be over $20,000. After serving only 3 years, some nuclear trained enlisted members in the Navy receive bonuses of $90,000 for re-enlisting. Student loans can be relieved by up to $65,000. The military is also one of the few places where you can get a full pension after serving 20 years or more. Military can reach 50-75% of the average of your final three years base salary. In some instances, you can receive more than 75% of your base pay in retirement.

4. Full medical coverage for you and your family. Military members are immediately eligible for full health care benefits for themselves and their immediate family members as soon as they enter

the service, and if you stay through until retirement, you and your family can take these benefits with you when you leave the military. These health benefits extend to immediate family (e.g. spouses and children, and sometimes dependent parents). You may also be eligible for temporary military healthcare benefits after you leave the service.

5. Skills and training. The military provides advanced technical training in a variety of career fields and also offers opportunities for additional training when you are off-duty. Many military members are able to attend college that is often paid for by tuition assistance. You can use your training opportunities to advance within your career field, earn certifications or degrees, or prepare yourself to transition back into civilian life.

6. Leadership opportunities. Military leadership is a great way to get your resume for your next career. If you were to hire someone, would you want to hire someone with proven skills and experience and a degree, or someone right out of high school/college? Give me the experienced professional any day of the week! (More tips for creating your post-military resume).

7. Travel opportunities and vacation time. The military has installations all around the world and pays for you and your family to get there and back. Your off duty time is yours and you are free to travel and see the world. The military gives you 30 days of paid leave per year, not including weekends and federal holidays, depending on your job.

Benefits after Leaving the Service

8. Education opportunities after you leave the military. The new GI Bill pays veterans who served at least 36 months a monthly living stipend and full tuition to pay for college, after they leave the military. Depending on how long the service member commits, this GI Bill can be transferred to spouses and children.

9. Buy a home with no money down with a VA Loan. The Veterans Affairs office offers veterans a way to purchase a home with no money down through the VA Loan. This makes it easier to purchase a home while you are serving, or after you have left the service.

10. A military retirement is worth millions. An officer with 20 years of service, who earns over $100,000 per year, could retire with a pension of over $48,000 per year for life in his or her 40's and start a second career. Imagine earning over $4000 per month for the rest of one's life, starting at age 42. This equates to an accumulative pay of $480,000, $960,000, $1.4 million in 10, 20, and 30 years, respectively, in addition to having full health care coverage and an income from a second job, if desired. (Oh, and those numbers don't account for annual cost of living adjustments which increase your monthly pension).