Can you turn what you like to do into a career? It’s possible. In most cases, however, finding a job that you enjoy can be a challenge. This is why it is so important to be prepared when you start the process. Here’s a great checklist to use that will help clarify a few things.

1. I know the career field I will enter after high school/college.  Yes  No
   Write it here: ..............................................................................................
   Or, note your fields of interest: .................................................................

2. I know what study path to take toward the career I want.  Yes  No
   Write it here: ............................................................................................

3. I am currently employed and it is a field I like.  Yes  No

4. My current job has career training or college assistance.  Yes  No
   (If you don’t know, find out. Ask your supervisor/boss.)

5. I plan on joining the military after high school.  Yes  No

6. I am undecided about my future employment/career.  Yes  No
Questions to consider when planning for employment:
(write your answers on the space provided)

1. Do you know what benefits you are receiving?
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2. Have you considered how working will affect your benefits?
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3. Have you thought about what kind of support or accommodations you may need in order to perform the job that you want?
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4. Do you know what kind of work you want to do?
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5. Have you researched all of your available options to find what may fit you best?
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6. Have you developed a resume?
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7. Are you going to need a personal assistant to help you at work?
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8. Have you thought about whether or not you are going to disclose your disability to your employer?
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If you don’t know the answers to some of these questions, read on for information and resources that will help you!