



Abby's Story



In high school I got a job at Middlebury College washing dishes. I graduated in 2003.



After high school I got a part time job at Maplefields as a cashier and coffee maker. I loved being a cashier because the customers were nice to me.

Then I took a year off to travel around the country with my parents.

So now I have been working at Shaw's for a year. I work 25 hours a week. The trainer from Shaw's trained me. And once in awhile my job coach comes to see me.



Recently my job coach, helped me interview for a new job called consumer advocate. If I get this new job I will earn more money, \$10.00 an hour.

It will give me more money to spend on Jonesey, my horse.

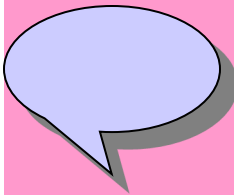
Timeline:

- ⇒ **Worked at Middlebury College during high school**
- ⇒ **After high school went to work at Maplefield's**
- ⇒ **Took a year off to travel**
- ⇒ **Worked at Shaw's for a year**

What can we learn from Abby?



Why is it important to have a job before you graduate?



Talk about how Abby changed jobs to meet her strengths and skills?

And you? What are your strengths?



What do you think motivates Abby to keep bettering herself?

And you? What motivates you to work?