



Careers for ISFP Personality Types

“It’s the thought that counts”

Whether you're a young adult trying to find your place in the world, or a not-so-young adult trying to find out if you're moving along the right path, it's important to understand yourself and the personality traits that will impact your likeliness to succeed or fail at various careers. It's equally important to understand what is really important to you. When armed with an understanding of your strengths and weaknesses, and an awareness of what you truly value, you are in an excellent position to pick a career which you will find rewarding.

ISFPs generally have the following traits:

- Keen awareness of their environment
- Live in the present moment
- Enjoy a slower pace - they like to take time to savor the present moment
- Dislike dealing with theory or abstract thought, unless they see a practical application
- Faithful and loyal to people and ideas which are important to them
- Individualistic, having no desire to lead or follow
- Take things seriously, although they frequently appear not to
- Special bond with children and animals
- Quiet and reserved, except with people they know extremely well
- Trusting, sensitive, and kind
- Service-oriented; they're driven to help others
- Extremely well-developed appreciation for aesthetic beauty
- Likely to be original and unconventional
- Learn best with hands-on training
- Hate being confined to strict schedules and regimens
- Need space and freedom to do things their own way
- Dislike mundane, routine tasks, but will perform them if necessary

The ISFP is a very special individual who needs to have a career that is more than a job. The middle of the road is not likely to be a place where they will be fulfilled and happy. They need to have a career that is consistent with their strong core of inner values. Since they prefer to live in the current moment, and take the time to savor it, they do not do well with some of the more fast-paced corporate environments. They need a great deal of space and freedom if they are going to function in their natural realm of acute sensory awareness. If they give free reign to their natural abilities, they may find a wonderful artist within themselves. Almost every major artist in the world has been an ISFP. Since the ISFP is so acutely aware of people's feelings and reactions, and is driven by their inner values to help people, the ISFP is also a natural counselor and teacher.

ISFP CAREERS

CRAFTS/ARTISAN

Carpenter
Chef
Dancer
Designer: interior/landscape
Fashion Designer
Gardener
Jeweler
Painter
Potter
Tapestry worker

HEALTH CARE

Animal groomer/trainer
Art therapist
Dental assistant/hygienist
Dietician/nutritionist
Exercise physiologist
Home health aid
Licensed practical nurse (LPN)
Massage therapist
Medical assistant
Occupational therapist
Optician/optometrist
Pharmacy technician
Physical therapist
Primary care physician
Radiology technologist
Respiratory therapist
Veterinary assistant
Visiting nurse

TECHNICAL

Botanist
Computer operator
Forester
Geologist
Marine biologist
Mechanic
Surveyor

SALES/SERVICE

Alcohol and drug addiction counselor
Beautician
Child welfare counselor
Cleaning service operator
Crisis hotline operator
Home health care sales
Home health social worker
Merchandise planner
Police/corrections officer
Preferred customer sales representative
Social worker (elderly and child day care issues)
Sports equipment sales
Storekeeper
Teacher: elementary (science/art)
Travel sales
Waiter/waitress