

Get Paid to Write Articles Online

Do you have a friend or family member who gets to work from home, write articles and get paid without ever having to go into an office? Are you tired of the 9-to-5 grind, the morning commute and those micro-managing bosses? Do you want to join the army of freelance writers who makes money from the comfort of their own home every day of the week?

Well, you're in luck because freelance writing isn't just for experienced journalists or trained copywriters anymore. In fact, just about anyone can get paid to write articles online ... even you!

That's right. With the right guidance, a good work ethic and a little hustle, you too can have that work-from-home freedom you so desire – and get paid for it, too!

Do you want to get paid to write articles online ... and paid well? I can help. I've worked with hundreds of beginning freelance writers just like you, guiding them on the path to six-figure success and a freeing, rewarding career.

Here's what you need to do to get started:

1. Create a writing website
2. Sign up for a content mill, bidding site or job board alert
3. Work your LinkedIn profile
4. Nail that first client
5. Keep updating your site and moving forward

Let's go through each step one by one.

Create a writing website

The first step to getting an online writing job is to create yourself a portfolio site – somewhere to show off your samples, your bio and other selling points that can draw in clients. Now, if you don't have much experience writing just yet, don't fret. Just sit down and create a few samples on the spot. Want to be a blogger? Write a few example posts or, better yet, start your own blog and update it daily. Want to write travel content? Create a mock resort review or craft a story about your recent trip to Tunisia. The main goal is to offer something that shows off your talents and skills. However you choose to do that is up to you!

You'll also want to include a full bio on yourself, including applicable work experience, education and personal details that potential clients might find useful. A listing of your services is good too, and be sure to include an email address or contact form as well. Once the site is done, add the link to your email signature, your LinkedIn profile, your Twitter, and anywhere clients might encounter you.

Sign up for a content mill, bidding site or job board alert.

The next step is to start looking for work. If you don't have much writing experience, a content mill can be a great way to get a lot of work quickly. It won't

pay great, but don't think of it as a long-term career choice. Simply use it for a few weeks to build up a portfolio of content, hone your writing chops and work with some editors who can improve your skills.

If you already have some writing experience, you can try a bidding site, which allows you to sift through projects and clients and bid on the ones you'd like to help with. These sites are typically pretty easy to sign up for, but they're also chock full of competition. You might have to outbid hundreds of other writers just to snag a job.

Another great place to look is a freelance writing job board. Freelancewriting.com offers a great Morning Coffee Newsletter that sends you job alerts via email every morning. You can also check out places like BloggingPro, ProBlogger or my site, Freelance Inner Circle, for carefully curated writing jobs. At my Freelance Inner Circle, we take the extra time to weed out the scams and only deliver high-quality writing opportunities. You'll need a resume, a good pitch and a few samples to apply for most of those jobs, so make sure you have those handy before plowing forward.

Work your LinkedIn profile.

LinkedIn is a great place to land freelance work and sometimes, it's even from people you already know! Simply update your headline to reflect your new career choice. I prefer something like "Freelance writer for hire," as it not only describes what you do, but that you're available for work, too.

You should also start connecting with past clients and colleagues, and getting those connections to officially recommend you, too. The more recommendations you have on your page, the more impressive and trustworthy you'll look to a potential client.

If you have any, you can also include samples of your work on your LinkedIn page, as well as links to your writing website, your blog or any other published content you have on the web. Make that page as detailed and thorough as possible, and be sure to use perfect grammar and punctuation throughout. You want clients to see that your writing skills are top-notch – even on your social media accounts!

Nail that first client.

Once you've locked down your first job, dedicate yourself to 100-percent satisfying your customer. Meet your deadlines, exceed your client's expectations, and deliver stellar work. If you can satisfy your first client, they may have more work to send you or they may recommend you to a friend or colleague. If you impress them a whole lot, they may even be willing to pay a little more for your services on the next go-round.

After you've finished with that first client, wrap up the project by requesting a testimonial via LinkedIn or email. You should also be sure to post any work

you've done to your website, so you have more samples for potential clients to look over when considering hiring you.

Keep updating your site and moving upward.

As you write more and more articles, continue updating your site and your LinkedIn page as you go. Continue applying for more jobs, and make sure to raise your standards and expectations as you gain more experience. Once you get your feet wet, kick content mills and bidding sites to the curb, and focus on the quality, high-paying clients, and as you build up your portfolio, start raising your rates, too. Soon, you'll only need a handful of articles to pay the bills each week – and that, folks, is the freelance writer's dream!

It's not hard to get paid to write articles online. Even if you have no writing experience, with a little effort, some hard work and a bit of patience, you too can have a freeing, high-paying writing career all from the comfort of your own home.