

Careers for ISFJ Personality Types

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.

ISFJs generally have the following traits:

- Large, rich inner store of information which they gather about people
- Highly observant and aware of people's feelings and reactions
- Excellent memory for details which are important to them
- Very in-tune with their surroundings - excellent sense of space and function
- Can be depended on to follow things through to completion
- Will work long and hard to see that jobs get done
- Stable, practical, down-to-earth - they dislike working with theory and abstract thought
- Dislike doing things which don't make sense to them
- Value security, tradition, and peaceful living
- Service-oriented: focused on what people need and want
- Kind and considerate
- Likely to put others' needs above their own
- Learn best with hands-on training
- Enjoy creating structure and order
- Take their responsibilities seriously
- Extremely uncomfortable with conflict and confrontation

ISFJs have two basic traits which help define their best career direction: 1) they are extremely interested and in-tune with how other people are feeling, and 2) they enjoy creating structure and order, and are extremely good at it. Ideally, the ISFJ will choose a career in which they can use their exceptional people-observation skills to determine what people want or need, and then use their excellent organizational abilities to create a structured plan or environment for achieving what people want. Their excellent sense of space and function combined with their awareness of aesthetic quality also gives them quite special abilities in the more practical artistic endeavors, such as interior decorating and clothes design.

ISFJ CAREERS

HEALTH CARE

Dental hygienist
Family physician
Nurse
Medical technologist
Physical therapist
Medical equipment sales
Health care administrator
Dietician/nutritionist
Optician
Medical records administrator
Pharmacist/pharmacy technician
Radiological technician
Respiratory therapist
Veterinarian
Licensed practical nurse (LPN)
Primary care physician
Home health aid
Medical/dental assistant

CREATIVE/TECHNICAL

Interior decorator
Electrician
Retail owner
Innkeeper
Artist
Musician
Preferred customer sales representative
Merchandise planner
Real estate agent/broker

SOCIAL SERVICE/EDUCATION

Preschool/elementary teacher
Librarian/archivist
Curator
Educational administrator
Social worker
Guidance counselor
Personal counselor
Religious educator
Speech pathologist
Probation officer
Home health social worker
Child welfare counselor
Alcohol and drug addiction counselor
Social worker (elderly and child day care issues)
Elementary school teacher
Special education teacher
Librarian/archivist
Genealogist
Curator
Educational administrator
Guidance counselor
Religious educator
Social worker (elderly services)

BUSINESS

Secretary
Clerical supervisor
Customer service representative
Personnel administrator
Computer operator
Bookkeeper
Credit counselor
Paralegal
Home health care sales