

# **Careers for ISFP 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.

## **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

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

### HEALTH CARE

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

## TECHNICAL

Surveyor  
Computer operator  
Forester  
Botanist  
Geologist  
Mechanic  
Marine biologist

### SALES/SERVICE

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

### BUSINESS

Bookkeeper  
Legal secretary  
Typist  
Clerical supervisor  
Administrator