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The ability to find a job that not only suits your skill set that also plays into personal interests is one of the most coveted facets of the American Dream. For many, including myself, it means having a career that allows for expression and gives employees a chance to make choices themselves. One job that fits that criterion is being a part of a publication as an editor.

Being an editor is aligned with my passions, as I've enjoyed my English and journalism classes, especially the peer review process we've utilized frequently. This has given me the chance to build my strengths, making me proficient in both reading comprehension and bettering my writing in general. These attributes make sense when we look at my personality, which has been called somewhat inventive. This typing highlights my want for an expressive community and my aptitude for analytical processing, which in this context would be finding ways to improve others' writing.

To be able to pursue this, I would need to complete college with a Bachelor's degree, as that is one requirement for all editors. Some schools that I'm looking at are UT at Austin's Liberal Arts school, which is selective but one of the easier schools to get into regarding UT majors. Editors are typically paid around \$63,400 annually, but the median falls closer to \$50,000, disputing the albeit rare maximum being closer to \$250,000. However, if being an editor specifically doesn't work out, there are a variety of other careers similar to it. They range from being a specialized reporter in a certain subject, like strict editorials, or niche subjects like

sports. If I were to break away from the potential journalism careers; however, some other options would be being a part of a marketing team or becoming an educator.

If I were to become an editor, I'd enjoy relative job security, as it would be hard to replace both with other people and robots. Albeit, robots could undeniably do the grammar part of reading and proofing bodies of work, they cannot align their edits with a company's goal or message, whereas a human can. Despite a heavy workload, this job allows for a ton of personal time, which would bring a refreshing work-life balance into my life. The hours for this job can get long closer to publication dates, though. This surplus in work only worsens as you advance up the chain. If you were to become an associate editor or editor-in-chief, two common next steps for the common advancement in this profession, it gets more stressful. It is adaptability that makes me think that I could handle that, as I would quickly adjust to rapidly changing work environments. Even still, I will have input on how I work and with whom I work, so I feel all is well. This can range from highly collaborative work to collaboration

This job is still in high demand even though it declined about five percent this past year. Jobs are most common and easiest to get in states such as California, Texas, and various other states in the Northeast region of the U.S.

I've always struggled with pursuing my passions, but a career as an editor genuinely interests me. The flexibility along with the inclusion of impactful work paired with the option to work closer with those you choose makes this a serious option for my future.

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