

Article Writing Reference Manual

How To Make Money Sitting At Your Desk

Okay, this ebook is for just in case you would like to make some money sitting at your desk writing articles.

- There's no application to fill out (except a web form)
- You're not working for clients (unless you want to)
- And how much you make depends on how much, and how well you write.

How many Words Per Minute can you type? If it's anything above 20 (and it should be if you've been on the net very long...) then you can make \$9+ an hour writing articles.

They don't have to be anything special, ground breaking, earth shaking, or even new news for that matter. They just have to have proper spelling, good grammar, a unique way of saying something, and at least 400 words in them.

Just cutting to the chase, there's a website called [Associated Content](#) that will pay you upfront for unique articles you've written. The minimum is \$2-3, but they pay more, the more unique or "newsworthy" your article is.

If you can write 3 articles per hour (one every 20 minutes... that's about 20 WPM average if you do 400 words.) you'll make at least \$9 an hour. They will pay a lot for a really good article though... a lot of people get paid \$10 for their articles, and I've even heard of a \$50 article before.

Q&A

- Can I reuse the content I post elsewhere, say, a blog?

Yep. You can't use content that you've already published on your blog, or elsewhere, but you can reuse it if you first publish it to Associated Content and with an Non-Exclusive License.

- Have you gotten paid? Are they for real?

Yep. I've gotten paid (they pay by paypal) and so I know they're certainly for real. I wouldn't even recommend them if they weren't...

- Who is this ideal for?

Stay at home Mom's come to mind, but basically, anyone who's self-motivated, and wants to work from home. Oh yeah, you have to be able to write. 😊

- I'm not a writer... Why would they want my content?

Good question. I'm not a writer either, but they still pay me for my content. Give yourself some credit though: Writers are people who write. You can become one very easily just by... writing. 😊

Example Articles, And How Much Was Earned

Okay, you're probably wanting just a few examples of good articles, and bad articles. I don't proclaim to know exactly what the smallest amount is that associated content will pay, but the least I've ever been paid for an article is \$2.24. However, I've seen them pay as low as \$2.01...never lower.

So, before we go in to bad vs. good, I just want to say that, Even bad articles will get you paid. Don't be afraid to start writing. Just remember to proofread your articles before submission.

- They Must Be At Least 400 Words
- They Must Have Proper Spelling And Grammar
- They Can Not Be Duplicate From Elsewhere On The Internet

And that's pretty much it. Here's some of my examples of bad, and fair articles.

Low Cost And Fair Articles

The Advantages Of Skype And Skype To Go *Pay: \$2.01*

Skype is an online phone service as well as a instant messenger. It is similar to msn and yahoo, but has a feature which so far no other messenger provides. PC to phone calling and vice versa for pennies a minute. The current rate is .21 cents a minute or subscribe for as low as 0.01 cent per minute!

You can Make international calls from any phone. No software needed.

If you're comfortable with computers and aren't on the go a lot, pc to pc calling is really worth buying the headset for! Another cool feature is the video calls if you get a webcam (a lot of new laptops have them built in) which you can get a fairly good one for 15-20 dollars on ebay (www.ebay.com) or high quality for a few dollars more. On occasion you can find them cheaper if you watch the auctions. Don't be shy about it; join in the fun!

So if you're spending a small fortune on calling friends or family overseas, try skype! Its free pc to pc and If you're not computer savvy, no problem! You can sign up for a "Skype To Go" number which is similar to a calling card only loads cheaper! Just sign up for the monthly subscription. Unlimited US and Canada calling is 2.95 per month. Unlimited Mexico 5.95 per month. Unlimited World (36

different countries) 9.95 per month. The connection fee is USD 0.45 cents except when calling within the US and Canada, no extra fee.

So if you talk 1 hour every day that's 28-31 hours for 9.95 a month plus 0.45 cents each call. That's about 23.45 a month and 0.01 cents a minute. The more you call, the lower your rate will be. So take advantage of this monthly rate and talk! Or if you'd rather pay per minute, its just 0.21 plus 0.45 connection fee. Just remember you can always cancel your subscription at anytime. If you're only planning to make very short calls, the 0.21 cents is the best option. But for lengthy calls, the Skype To Go is the best choice!
See their website for more details <http://www.skype.com/welcomeback/>

How To Play Piano Starting In The Key Of C *Pay: \$3.22*

When I first started teaching myself the piano, I was very young, and simply dabbled here and there with simple songs like "Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater" and "Heart and Soul". It was one of my favorite things to do; practicing piano.

After some time, I got to where these old songs just started to... well... they got boring! I decided that I could work in to other songs if I wanted to, so I gave it a try. It was a lot easier than I thought!

I've heard that not everyone has a good musical "ear." I'm not so certain that this is really the truth, or whether it's simply that the people without the good "ear" don't really want to learn to play by ear. At any rate, I'm going to help you get a quick start in to easy two hand piano.

Just start in C! C Major is the easiest chord to master in my opinion, and once you see how easy it is, I'm sure you'll agree!

Let's dive right in to it.

There are three major chords, and a minor to each key. In the key of C, you have C, G, F, and A minor. These are very simple chords, and I'm sure you'll be able to catch on to them in a jiffy.

How to play C Major.

Put your thumb on the C key, your middle finger on the E key, and your pinky finger on the G key. They should be spaced every other key from each other.

How to play G Major.

It's the same as C, only you place your thumb on the G key, your middle finger on the B key, and your pinky on the D key.

How to play F major.

Move a G up one. Put your thumb on the G key, your middle finger on the A key, and your pinky finger on the C key.

How to play A minor.

Just like all of the rest of the chords, you space your fingers to every other key, down from the key whose name this chord bears. Put your thumb on the A key, your middle finger on the C key, and your pinky on the E key.

Test out different combinations of these. Once you're comfortable, you should be able to start playing some songs.

C Major songs start out in C major chord 99.9% of the time. There are some rare songs that don't, but you won't have to worry about them. Whatever song you start with the C major chord, always starts (on your other hand) with either a C note, an E note, or a G note.

You're almost set to being playing the piano! Just listen closely to what "sounds right" with your chords. If what you're playing with your right hand doesn't match up with the chord you're playing, change the chord. Once you've mastered C, you can move on to different chords which involve the black keys. (flats/sharps)

The most important thing is to practice. Just listen and practice! Read as much as you can about piano, and watch video's on it, and listen to it, and you'll be a concert pianist in no time.

Credit Tips For An 18 Year Old *Pay: \$3.71*

The number one thing you must remember as a young person (or old for that matter) is don't be late on a payment, ever. There are ways to get bad marks off your credit but we won't get into that in this article because we are making the assumption that you have brand new credit and haven't ruined it yet.

The first step in credit acquisition is to open a line somewhere, as soon as I turned 18 I went to the bank and tried to get a credit card but the only one they would offer me was a card that I had to secure with several hundred dollars than have a really low limit, it didn't sound good to me so I decided to wait a while and see if I got offers in the mail like everyone else.

As it happened I already had a bank account at Wells Fargo and after I turned 18 I put a few thousand dollars in it then a couple of weeks later the bank offered me a credit card and when I was approved it has a 4000 dollar limit.

In my estimation it is a good thing to open as many account as you can as soon as you can. (when attempting to open lines of credit, bear in mind that making more than 2-3 credit applications in a month can seriously damage your credit score.)

If possible you should apply for three [credit cards](#) as soon as you can. I found that after 6 months of having a card my credit score was high and looked good so I

opened a couple of more accounts, my score went down. I found out that having more than 60 percent (or so) of my credit lines opened in the past six months significantly lowered my credit score.

Also I would recommend getting some sort of a credit score reporting service and/or a Washington Mutual card as they do report the transunion score to cardholders which is very handy.

If possible you should get a parent or grandparent to help you build your credit by adding you to one of their older squeaky clean cards that has never been late etc.. it just shows the banks that someone believes in your ability to handle money and makes them more likely to lend to you.

What Makes An Article Worth More?

Associated Content is basically a news/content site. They want things that are unique, interesting, or newsworthy. If you give an article on something that doesn't get a lot of coverage, you'll get paid well for it. On the other hand, if you write an article on something that's already been tapped out a few hundred times, they're not going to pay you as much for it.

So, when you go about writing an article, keep these in mind:

- Make The Writing Style Unique
- Cover Topics That Possibly Other People Haven't Covered
- Make It As Interesting To The Reader As Possible

Boosting Your Clout Level

On Associated Content, they have a system of determining your level called "clout." Basically, after a certain number of page views, you get a certain level of "clout" on Associated Content, and having a higher clout means more exposure and better rates from Associated Content. If you want to up your clout, all you really need to do is:

1. Sign up for StumbleUpon.Com
2. Give every article you write a "thumbs up!"

Stumbleupon will send real traffic over to your site at the drop of a hat. If anybody else likes your article, you could wind up with

thousands of visitors. Otherwise, you'll get maybe 50 or so usually from just one thumbs up. If you have any friends with stumble upon, ask them to give you a thumbs up as well. This will more than double the amount of traffic you get to your pages.

After You Have Submitted Your Articles

If you submit your articles to Associated Content with a Non-Exclusive license, you can take every article you write (after it's been approved and reviewed) and submit it to article directories to get link-backs to your site. There's lots of other websites that pay performance page views, so might as well give them a thumbs up when you publish there.

I can't give you a whole education on article marketing, but let's just say that article marketing is a means of getting free traffic to your website. You just submit these articles to article directories with your author bio which has a link to your website, and you'll get link-backs in the search engines, and get traffic from the articles.

Discipline: Keep At It

So, now that you know where to do this article writing and get paid for it, the only thing left to do is *Do It*. If you want to quit your day job so that you can work from home, this is a great option for you. You save money on commuting, you don't have to answer to a boss you hate, and you get the comforts of home in your office. (Plus as many coffee breaks as you want!)

The only thing left to do is discipline yourself to always reach a quota of articles in a day. Say you want to make \$50 a day. You'll need to write 17 articles a day to meet that. 17 articles a day is not hard to do, but you just need to *keep at it*. Set reminders to write articles, have somebody else boss you around, but just make sure you do it just like you would a job.

And that should do it. Just keep on going and you'll make money online. This system should build upon itself if you keep on republishing those articles with your author biline and such. I know that you can make a full time income with this system without even resubmitting the articles, but hey, can't just settle for that can ya?

I wish you all the best in your article marketing.

-Zechariah Smith

Back Yard Stash Administrator

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