

1. Graphic Designer

Alaina, 32, is a graphic designer at a popular wedding venue. She has worked there since getting her B.A. in Graphic Design eight years ago. She got a certificate in graphic design from her vocational high school, so she was able to start out at a pretty decent salary. Since then, she has not had a raise in a while. Last year she started work on her Masters degree, which could increase her salary.

However, Alaina just had her first child, so her education has taken a backseat. To make more money, she's started picking up freelance design jobs, which she works on at night and on weekends. While she's happy for a change of pace from wedding designs, the pay is inconsistent (sometimes being hourly, sometimes on commission only) and she's having to give up time with her young family. She loves creating art that others love, but desires a better work/life balance.