

Author, *Resumes For Children: 17 Years Old and Under*

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For adults, resumes are a fundamental part of our professional lives. It's as personal and specific as a fingerprint or a signature; your particular skills and experience laid out in plain view for any prospective employer or colleague to see. But, what if you could've shown a pee-wee football coach your credentials prior to tryouts for team captain? What if you could've presented a detailed outline of your academic accomplishments to a private high school? Kris Manley, author of *Resumes For Children: 17 Years and Under* has devised an effective way to present all of a young people's information to any prospective school or scholarship board.

Manley often got blank stares from parents who would rave about their children's accomplishments, but wouldn't document them. "They would just kind of look at me like 'why would I

want to document this?'" she says with a chuckle. "This child is only 10!" The resumes are an excellent tool to boost self-esteem, and a parent can attach one to any type of application, including academic and social programs. "Why wait until your child is a junior or senior in high school — start when they're young. You can build a child's resume on what their competencies are; if they're not good academically, bolster and build on their activities."

Manley has received rave reviews from Midwest Book Review, *Foreword Magazine* and Emory University has purchased copies for their libraries. Most important, parents are appreciative. "[Now] a lot of parents look at me and say 'that's a great idea!'" says Manley. "You're giving kids life skills." -*todd Williams*