



**How do you get THAT Job  
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	[Graphic: How Do You Get THAT Job]
<p>My name is Tim Forneris and I work for the St. Louis Cardinals as a grounds crew member, and I actually got that job in high school. It's the first job that I ever had.</p> <p>I mean, it was kind of a dream. You see these guys on the field run out and rake the field and you wonder: how do you get <i>that</i> job???</p>	[Graphic: Tim Forneris]
<p>My job with the Cardinals, it's gotta be the best job for a baseball fan...and the reason is you get down to the stadium before anyone is there, and it's just neat to see the players in a different light before everyone is there.</p>	(Tim)
<p>I am basically paid to watch baseball and I know a lot of people would love to have that job.</p>	(Tim)
<p>I became a groundskeeper with the Cardinals basically by being in the right place at the right time.</p>	(Tim)
<p>I was very lucky. I had a friend in high school who started there in market research... and when I turned 16 he asked me would I be interested and of course I said, yes! He said, 'well. I'll put you on a list and they may call you or they may not, and I was fortunate that they called me and I was called in for an interview. I started as an usher in the '92 season, ...and then I became a full-time grounds crew member in '97.</p>	(Tim)
<p>When I'm not a groundskeeper for the Cardinals my "real" job a lawyer. I went to law school and clerked for a judge at the Missouri Court of Appeals...and then from there I now work for the Missouri Public Defender's office...I work in appeals. Basically all my clients are indigent clients; they've all been</p>	(Tim)

<p>convicted of a crime.</p> <p>Out of the two jobs, by far, my favorite job is with the Cardinals. Because it is so fun <i>they wouldn't have to pay me!</i></p>	
<p>The highlight of my career with the Cardinals happened in 1998 when Mark McGwire hit his 62<sup>nd</sup> home run. I was the lucky guy that actually retrieved that ball and gave it back to him.</p>	(Tim)
<p>I'm on stage, looking out, all the players, fans, going crazy!</p> <p>To give it back to him was great – he was obviously very surprised.</p>	(Tim)
<p>My advice to anyone who is looking for a job is to be flexible, and also as hard-working as you can be...when I say flexibility what I mean by that is, if you don't get the job you are actually going for, but you are in the same organization or same field, just think: most people don't get their dream job the first time around.</p>	(Tim)
<p>Any way you can get your foot in the door, you have to go for it!</p>	(Tim)
<p>I think it's huge—because once the person you're working for sees how good you are, I think the sky's the limit.</p>	(Tim)