

12 Apps That Pay You to Take Pictures

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Preface

During the Winter of 2021, I discovered an app called WeGoLook. I was intrigued; the idea of making money to take pictures seemed easy enough. Long story short, I was able to make enough money to pay for almost half of my son's daycare expenses for the upcoming summer once first grade let out. I didn't get rich, but the extra money certainly eased the strain on our family budget.

The apps listed in this book are a good fit for many side hustlers. Each individual user experience will vary depending on several factors, but the top one seems to be location. The reality is that a person might have a great experience using an app in one location, but someone living in a different area might have a terrible experience. Not all of the apps listed require travel to take pictures, but many do.

WeGoLook is a prime example of the location issue – they have a strong presence in some areas of the United States, but not others.

An important tip: be sure to sign up for multiple apps so that you can “stack” assignments. For example, if you're traveling to an area for a WeGoLook assignment, you might as well see if there are any gigs to complete on IVueli or other apps.

While this book is geared towards U.S. audiences, if you're outside of the U.S. and reading this, I hope that you will still find some of the information useful.

Thank you for reading and be sure to check out the blog at www.sidehustlewatch.com.

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Chapter 1: Making Money with Ivueit

If you've ever snapped a photo of a building, store, or product and thought, "I should get paid for this," then **Ivueit** is an app you need to check out. It's one of the most accessible ways to earn money with your phone—no pro camera gear, no experience, and no boss breathing down your neck.

Ivueit (pronounced "eye-view-it") partners with property managers, retailers, and brands that need **visual confirmation** of conditions out in the real world. That's where you come in. You get paid to complete quick, on-site photography tasks known as "**Vues**." It's gig work for the modern age, and it's surprisingly fun, especially if you like being out and about.

How Ivueit Works: Step-by-Step

1. Sign Up and Set Up

Start by downloading the **Ivueit app** from the iOS App Store or Google Play. The sign-up process is straightforward—just provide your basic info, payment preferences, and agree to the app's terms.

You'll need to:

- Enable location access
- Choose PayPal or direct deposit for payouts
- Complete a brief onboarding guide (usually just a few slides)

2. Browse Available Vues

Once you're logged in, the app shows a map with local gigs called **Vues**. These are photo assignments that typically include:

- Verifying signage
- Taking pictures of a building's exterior or interior
- Reporting on damaged property
- Checking business hours or setup displays

Each Vue lists:

- The location
- How much it pays`

- How long you have to complete it
- Special instructions (like “take photo from across the street”)

3. Accept a Vue

Once you tap “Accept,” the clock starts ticking. You’ll typically have **1 to 2 hours** to complete the task. Make sure you’re close enough to the location and have the time to do it before claiming.

4. Follow Instructions and Take Photos

Every Vue comes with a **photo checklist**. You might be asked to:

- Take a wide shot of a storefront
- Snap close-ups of windows or signage
- Answer a few yes/no questions about what you see

The instructions are clear, but you need to pay attention—your work is reviewed by a real person.

5. Submit and Get Paid

After you complete the Vue, submit your photos through the app. You’ll usually get approval within **24–48 hours**, and then payment is processed. If all goes well, the money lands in your account within **3–5 business days**.

What You Can Expect to Earn

Vues typically pay **\$5 to \$25**, depending on the complexity and urgency. For example:

- A simple exterior shot of a closed store might pay \$7.
- A Vue involving 15 photos of a commercial property could pay \$20.

On a good day, especially in cities with lots of activity, it’s possible to knock out **4–6 Vues** in an hour or two. That’s \$50–\$100 for work you can do on your own schedule.

Some users earn **a few hundred dollars a month** consistently, while others treat it more casually—like bonus gas money or weekend spending cash.

Pro Tips for Maximizing Your Earnings

💡 **Check Often** – New Vues can disappear fast. Open the app several times a day, especially during weekdays.

💡 **Batch Jobs** – If multiple Vues pop up near each other, plan a route and hit them all in one trip.

💡 **Invest in Clarity** – Use your phone's camera grid and tap to focus. Bad lighting or blurry photos can lead to rejection.

💡 **Be Prompt** – Submitting within the time limit matters. Late submissions may be denied and re-assigned to someone else.

💡 **Use the Notes Feature** – Some Vues ask for brief notes. Even if optional, adding context helps your work get approved faster.

Pros of Using Ivueit

✅ **Easy to Get Started** – No certification, resume, or application interview required.

✅ **Completely Flexible** – Choose when and where to work. Perfect for people with unpredictable schedules.

✅ **Quick Payouts** – Payments typically arrive within 3–5 business days, often sooner.

✅ **Low Barrier to Entry** – All you need is a smartphone and decent attention to detail.

✅ **Helpful Support Team** – If you run into technical issues or have questions, support is usually responsive via email.

Cons of Using Ivueit

❌ **Availability Varies by Location** – Urban and suburban areas get more Vues; rural areas may have fewer.

❌ **Not Passive** – You need to physically travel to a location and take photos.

❌ **No Guarantee of Work** – Just like any gig app, the volume of opportunities can fluctuate.

❌ **Time-Sensitive Jobs** – Once accepted, you must complete a Vue within the allotted time—often under 2 hours.

✕ **Quality Checks** – If your photos don't meet expectations, the job can be rejected (and unpaid).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How old do I need to be to use Ivueit?

A: You must be **at least 18 years old** and legally able to work in the U.S.

Q: What kind of phone do I need?

A: Any **modern smartphone** with a good camera will do. Android and iOS are both supported.

Q: Can I bring my kids or pets with me?

A: Sure—as long as you can safely and effectively complete the task. Just remember you may need to concentrate and take quality photos.

Q: What if there's an issue with the location or I can't access it?

A: You can report issues through the app. If access is blocked or unsafe, you won't be penalized.

Q: How do I know if my photos are accepted?

A: You'll receive an email or notification once your submission is reviewed. If rejected, they usually provide a reason so you can improve.

Final Thoughts

Ivueit is a great way to dip your toes into the world of gig work—especially if you like short, location-based tasks that don't require major commitments. You won't get rich, but if you're consistent and live in an active area, you can turn your phone into a **useful side hustle tool**.

Think of Ivueit as a “get-paid-to-be-observant” app. It rewards people who pay attention to detail, follow directions, and act fast. For side hustlers who don't mind getting out of the house, it's a no-brainer way to earn some extra income.

Chapter 2: Making Money with WeGoLook

If you've ever wanted to be a part-time investigator, on-call photographer, and gig-economy hero all rolled into one, **WeGoLook** might just be your next favorite side hustle. This app blends the thrill of completing real-world missions with the flexibility of gig work—and it pays you to take pictures, gather information, and report what you see.

Used by businesses, insurance companies, and even law firms, WeGoLook connects “Lookers” (that’s you) with tasks like inspecting vehicles, verifying properties, or checking business signage. Whether you're documenting the condition of a used car or snapping photos of a building for an out-of-state client, your job is to **be the eyes on the ground**.

How WeGoLook Works

1. Sign Up and Apply

Start by visiting [WeGoLook.com](https://wegolook.com) and completing an application to become a **Looker**. The process includes:

- Basic information and contact details
- A short training video
- A background check (required and usually costs around \$20–\$25)

Once approved, you'll receive access to the WeGoLook app and start receiving job opportunities.

2. Get Alerts for Assignments

Jobs are referred to as “**Looks**”, and they range in complexity from snapping a few photos of a car to completing a full damage inspection for an insurance claim. You'll receive alerts via email or through the app based on your **location and availability**.

Each Look includes:

- Location of the task
- Pay rate
- Type of inspection or job
- Special requirements (if any)

3. Accept the Look

If you're available and want the job, claim the Look quickly—it may be reassigned if you don't act fast. You'll typically have **24–48 hours** to complete it, but some jobs require quicker turnaround.

4. Complete the Task On-Site

At the job site, follow the app's detailed instructions. This often includes:

- Taking wide and close-up photos
- Answering survey-style questions
- Verifying serial numbers or VINs
- Making observations about damage or wear

You'll upload your report and images through the app once done.

5. Get Paid

After submission, WeGoLook's team reviews your work. Once approved, payments are typically processed **within 3–5 business days**, via direct deposit or PayPal.

Types of Jobs You Might Do

WeGoLook assignments vary a lot. Here are some common ones:

- **Auto inspections** (e.g., used car for sale online)
- **Property condition reports** (e.g., vacation homes or rentals)
- **Business verifications** (e.g., signage or building status)
- **Document delivery or collection** (rare but sometimes requested)

Some advanced Looks even include **video walkthroughs** or interviews, but these are optional and typically pay more.

Earnings Potential

Most Looks pay between **\$15 and \$40**, with some going as high as **\$60–\$100** for specialized or rural jobs. The pay depends on:

- Complexity of the task

- How far you need to travel
- Whether rush delivery is required

Some Lookers report earning **\$200+ per week** part-time, especially in metro areas. If you live in a place with lots of dealerships, real estate activity, or commercial sites, you may see frequent opportunities.

Pros of Using WeGoLook

✓ **Legit and Established** – WeGoLook has been around since 2009 and works with large companies and insurers.

✓ **Decent Pay Per Job** – Many Looks pay significantly more than typical photo gig apps.

✓ **Diverse Assignments** – Tasks vary, keeping things interesting and sometimes adventurous.

✓ **Professional Reputation** – Being a Looker feels more like contract work than casual gigging.

✓ **Flexible Hours** – Accept jobs when you want, skip the ones you don't.

Cons of Using WeGoLook

✗ **Upfront Background Check Cost** – You must pay a fee (~\$20–\$25) before getting access to gigs.

✗ **Inconsistent Availability** – Depending on your area, Looks may come in bursts.

✗ **Time-Consuming Jobs** – Some assignments can take 30+ minutes and involve travel.

✗ **Strict Guidelines** – Instructions must be followed exactly, or your submission may be rejected.

✗ **Not Always Worth the Drive** – If a Look pays \$18 but is 30 miles away, it might not be worth it unless you stack it with other gigs.

Tips for Success

 **Combine Jobs with Errands** – Accept Looks in areas you already plan to visit to save time and gas.

 **Overdeliver on Photos** – Taking a few extra shots (beyond what's required) helps avoid rejections and builds your rep.

 **Update Availability Often** – The app allows you to set when and where you're available. Stay up to date for more offers.

 **Respond Quickly to Alerts** – Some jobs are time-sensitive and may be reassigned if you don't confirm in time.

 **Bring a Tape Measure or Flashlight** – Some inspections require basic tools, and having them makes you eligible for higher-paying assignments.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need experience or a license?

A: No license required, but you must pass a **background check** and be comfortable taking detailed photos and following instructions.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: You can choose **direct deposit** or **PayPal**. Payments are processed after your report is approved—usually in 3–5 business days.

Q: Can I reject jobs I don't want?

A: Yes. There's no penalty for passing on Looks that don't fit your schedule or comfort level.

Q: What if I mess up a report?

A: You may be asked to re-do it (without extra pay), or in rare cases, you could be removed from the platform. That's why clear photos and attention to detail are key.

Q: Is this worth it in a rural area?

A: Possibly—rural jobs may pay more due to lower supply of Lookers, but they may also be less frequent.

Final Thoughts

WeGoLook is ideal for side hustlers who enjoy being out in the world and tackling tasks that feel important. You're not just earning money—you're helping real businesses make smart decisions by delivering eyes-on-the-ground intelligence.

It does take a little more effort than apps like Foap or Ivueit, but that's exactly why it pays better. If you're the kind of person who doesn't mind driving a bit, following precise instructions, and turning in solid reports, WeGoLook can be a **profitable and engaging gig**.

Add it to your toolkit—and treat every assignment like a mini mission. You'll be surprised how satisfying it is to get paid just for being reliable and observant.

Chapter 3: Making Money with Field Agent

If you've ever walked through a store and thought, "This place could use some help," you're not alone—and **Field Agent** is paying people just like you to help brands get the inside scoop on what's happening in retail locations across the country.

With Field Agent, you're basically a **secret shopper with a smartphone**. Your mission? Complete short tasks like checking prices, verifying product displays, taking shelf photos, or even buying and trying new products—all in exchange for cash. It's a fun, fast-paced way to earn money while running errands, shopping, or just exploring your local stores.

What Is Field Agent?

Field Agent is a **retail auditing and market research app** that pays users to gather real-world data for companies. These companies use that info to make sure their products are priced right, stocked properly, and displayed the way they should be.

The app offers a variety of task types including:

- Product audits
- Price checks
- Display verifications
- Surveys
- Buy-and-try product reviews
- Mystery shopping

And unlike some survey apps, Field Agent gigs are real-world missions you physically go out and complete—so there's a higher payoff.

How to Get Started

1. Download the App

The Field Agent app is available on both Android and iOS. Once you download it, you'll need to:

- Create a profile
- Enable location access

- Fill out a short demographic questionnaire (so they can match you with jobs)

2. Browse Local Jobs

After signing in, you'll see a map and list of available gigs near your current location. These might include:

- "Check the price of a 12-pack of Diet Coke at Walmart"
- "Take photos of a cereal display at Target"
- "Buy and review a new ice cream brand at Kroger"

Each job will list:

- The location
- Pay rate (usually \$3 to \$12)
- Time estimate
- Deadline for submission
- Detailed instructions

3. Claim a Job and Get Moving

Jobs are claimed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once you accept a task, you usually have **2 hours** to complete and submit it—so make sure you're ready to go before accepting.

4. Complete and Submit

Follow the step-by-step prompts inside the app. You'll be asked to:

- Take specific photos
- Answer questions (e.g., "Is the product in stock?")
- Sometimes buy a product and scan the receipt

Be thorough, follow instructions closely, and make sure your photos are well-lit and in focus.

5. Get Paid

After your task is reviewed (usually within **1–2 business days**), you'll be paid via **direct deposit** or **Dwolla**, depending on your account settings.

Types of Tasks You'll See

 **Audits** – Visit stores and take pictures of products, displays, or shelves.

 **Price Checks** – Check and record prices of specific items.

 **Display Verifications** – Confirm if a product is displayed according to plan.

 **Buy & Try** – Purchase a new product, test it at home, and leave a short review (you keep the product and still get paid!).

 **Surveys** – Occasionally, Field Agent sends short in-app surveys for quick cash, especially after a task is completed.

How Much Can You Make?

Most tasks pay between **\$3 and \$12**, with some higher-value ones going up to **\$20+** if they require a product purchase or more detailed report. If you plan well, you can knock out multiple jobs in one store or shopping plaza—earning **\$30 to \$50 in an afternoon**.

Some users who work multiple regions and drive regularly can make **\$200+ per week**, though the average casual user might earn \$50–\$100/month doing it in their spare time.

Pros of Using Field Agent

 **Easy to Use** – Clean, intuitive app with clear directions and fast approvals.

 **Short, Simple Tasks** – Most jobs take 10–20 minutes max.

 **Flexible Work** – Pick and choose the jobs you want—when and where it works for you.

 **Real Cash, Not Points** – You get actual money, not gift cards or app credits.

 **Fun Factor** – If you enjoy being in stores and spotting things, this gig feels more like a game than work.

Cons of Using Field Agent

 **Limited Availability** – Jobs come and go quickly; some areas see fewer gigs.

 **Buy & Try Costs Upfront** – You pay for the product first, then get reimbursed and paid later. Not ideal if cash is tight.

✗ **Rejections Happen** – If your submission has blurry photos or missing info, it might get rejected (no pay).

✗ **No Mileage Reimbursement** – You're responsible for travel expenses, so stack tasks to make trips worthwhile.

✗ **App Can Be Competitive** – You'll need to check frequently and act fast to claim tasks before others do.

Pro Tips for Field Agent Success

📱 **Check the App Often** – New jobs are posted frequently and disappear quickly.

🗺️ **Plan Routes** – Group jobs in nearby stores and complete them in one trip.

📷 **Master Your Camera** – A steady hand, good lighting, and framing can be the difference between approval and rejection.

💬 **Take Notes** – Some tasks allow extra comments. Clear, helpful feedback gets noticed by reviewers.

🧾 **Keep Receipts** – For Buy & Try gigs, you must upload a receipt to get paid and reimbursed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is Field Agent available outside the U.S.?

A: Yes! Field Agent operates in several countries including Canada, the UK, Mexico, and Australia.

Q: How fast do I get paid?

A: Payments are typically processed **within 2–3 business days** after your job is reviewed.

Q: What happens if I mess up a job?

A: You might get a rejection and not be paid, but repeated issues could result in being removed from the platform. Pay attention to detail!

Q: Can I bring my kids while I work?

A: Absolutely. Many parents use Field Agent as a flexible gig they can do with their kids in tow.

Q: Is Field Agent legit?

A: Yes—it's been around since 2010 and has a solid reputation with both users and brands.

Final Thoughts

Field Agent is one of the best apps for turning everyday store visits into easy cash. Whether you're grocery shopping, out running errands, or just killing time at the mall, Field Agent offers a fun and flexible way to earn money—without needing to sell anything or sit at a desk.

You won't get rich, but if you're quick, observant, and organized, this side hustle can add a solid boost to your monthly income. And let's be honest—getting paid to shop and snap photos feels pretty awesome.

Chapter 4: Making Money with Gigwalk

If you've ever wanted to turn your smartphone into a mini income machine, **Gigwalk** might be your next go-to side hustle app. It pays you to complete simple "gigs" in your local area—things like snapping photos of store displays, checking inventory, or confirming business hours.

The best part? You set your own schedule, pick the gigs you want, and get paid directly through PayPal. Whether you're commuting, traveling, or just out for a walk, Gigwalk lets you make money on the move.

What Is Gigwalk?

Gigwalk is a mobile app that connects brands and businesses with on-the-ground gig workers—called **Gigwalkers**—who help them verify what's happening in stores and businesses across the country. It's used by big-name companies to ensure their products are properly displayed, priced correctly, and actually available to customers.

As a Gigwalker, your job is to follow instructions, take clear photos, and answer a few questions. It's quick, easy money that anyone with a smartphone can earn.

How Gigwalk Works

1. Download the App

Start by downloading the **Gigwalk app** (available for both Android and iOS). It's free to use, and setting up your account only takes a few minutes.

You'll need to:

- Provide your name and contact info
- Enable GPS/location services
- Link your PayPal account (for payments)

2. Find Gigs Near You

Once you're signed in, the app displays a map of local gigs available in your area. Each gig shows:

- What the task is
- Where it's located

- How much it pays
- How long it should take
- When it's due

Tasks often include:

- Taking photos of endcaps or shelf displays
- Verifying pricing or promotional signage
- Confirming whether a product is in stock

3. Apply for a Gig

Some gigs are **instant claim**, but others require you to apply. When you apply, you may be asked a few brief questions (e.g., "Can you complete this by 3 PM today?").

After being approved, you're given access to the full instructions.

4. Do the Work

Each gig comes with specific photo and reporting requirements. You'll need to:

- Go to the assigned location
- Take clear, well-lit photos as directed
- Answer short questions about what you saw

Tasks usually take **5 to 20 minutes**, and you submit everything directly through the app.

5. Get Paid

Once your gig is reviewed and approved (usually within **1–5 days**), the money is sent to your PayPal account. No waiting for a minimum cash-out.

How Much Can You Earn?

Gigs generally pay between **\$3 and \$20**, with some larger or more urgent ones paying **\$30–\$50**. Your earnings depend on:

- How many gigs are available in your area
- How many you can complete in a session
- How quickly you claim them (they go fast!)

Some users earn **\$100-\$200 per week** casually, while high-performing Gigwalkers can make more in busy metro areas or by traveling to complete multiple gigs in a day.

Pros of Using Gigwalk

- ✓ **Low Barrier to Entry** – No resume, no interview. Just download the app and go.
 - ✓ **Work on Your Schedule** – Do as much or as little as you want, whenever you want.
 - ✓ **Instant Gigs Available** – Many jobs can be claimed instantly—no approval wait.
 - ✓ **Fast, Direct Pay** – Earnings are sent directly to your PayPal account after approval.
 - ✓ **No Purchases Required** – Most tasks are observation-based; you don't have to buy anything.
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Cons of Using Gigwalk

- ✗ **Limited Gigs in Some Areas** – Rural and suburban areas may have fewer gigs.
 - ✗ **Competitive in Cities** – In busy areas, gigs can disappear within minutes of being posted.
 - ✗ **Rejections Happen** – Submitting poor-quality photos or skipping steps can get your submission denied.
 - ✗ **No Gas Reimbursement** – Travel costs are on you, so it's best to batch nearby gigs.
 - ✗ **Unclear Instructions at Times** – Occasionally, a gig may have vague instructions or app glitches.
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Tips for Maximizing Your Gigwalk Earnings

- 🔔 **Check the App Often** – Gigs pop up randomly and get snatched quickly. Refresh regularly.
- 🛒 **Combine Gigs** – Look for multiple tasks in one store or shopping plaza to make each trip worth it.
- 📷 **Follow Instructions Closely** – Don't wing it. Read everything carefully and take extra photos just in case.

 **Plan Efficient Routes** – Avoid zig-zagging all over town for \$5 gigs. Group your tasks smartly.

 **Turn on Notifications** – Get alerts when new gigs are posted in your area to stay ahead of the pack.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How fast do I get paid?

A: Typically **within 1–5 business days** of submitting your gig. Payments go straight to your PayPal.

Q: Can I reject a gig after applying?

A: Yes, but do it before the due time. Failing to complete accepted gigs repeatedly may limit your access to future ones.

Q: Do I need any special equipment?

A: Just your smartphone with a good camera and reliable internet. No fancy tools required.

Q: Is Gigwalk legit?

A: Absolutely. Gigwalk has been around since 2010 and has worked with brands like Pepsi, Unilever, and Microsoft.

Q: Can I do gigs while traveling?

A: Yes! Gigwalk works wherever the app is supported. You can grab gigs in any city you're visiting.

Final Thoughts

Gigwalk is one of the most accessible and user-friendly ways to get paid for using your smartphone. It's ideal for side hustlers who enjoy being out and about, don't mind quick deadlines, and are looking for extra cash without committing to a strict schedule.

Whether you want to earn during your lunch break, while out running errands, or just because you feel like making a few bucks—Gigwalk makes it possible. Add it to your side hustle stack and watch those little payouts start to add up.

Chapter 5: Making Money with Premise

Ever wish you could get paid just for walking around your neighborhood, taking pictures, and answering simple questions? Well, with the **Premise app**, you can do exactly that. It's one of the easiest and most flexible ways to earn money using your phone—and it's available worldwide.

Premise pays users (called **Contributors**) to complete small tasks like taking photos of local stores, reporting on food prices, or answering surveys. These tasks help businesses and researchers collect real-world data, especially in regions where it's hard to get timely information.

It's a low-effort side hustle with a truly global reach—perfect if you're out and about and want to make some extra cash.

What Is Premise?

Premise is a mobile data collection platform that crowdsources local insights from people on the ground. Businesses, governments, and nonprofits use Premise to gather information about things like:

- Product availability
- Store conditions
- Local prices
- Public services
- Cultural habits

As a Contributor, your job is to complete short, location-based tasks—often by snapping a photo, answering a few questions, and submitting it through the app.

How Premise Works

1. Download the App and Sign Up

The **Premise app** is available on iOS and Android. Once downloaded, you'll:

- Sign up with your email
- Grant location access

- Complete a short onboarding walkthrough
- Choose your payment method (PayPal, Coinbase, or other regional options)

2. Browse Available Tasks

The app shows tasks near your location, broken into categories like:

- **Locate a Place** – Take photos of a local business or landmark.
- **Price a Product** – Report the cost of items like milk, bread, or soap.
- **Answer a Survey** – Give your opinion on current events, products, or habits.

Each task lists:

- What to do
- Where it takes place (or if it's remote)
- How much it pays (usually in USD or local currency)

3. Complete Tasks and Submit

Once you accept a task, follow the instructions carefully. This may include:

- Taking photos (with GPS validation)
- Providing detailed answers
- Ensuring clear, focused images

Submissions are reviewed by the Premise team for accuracy and quality.

4. Get Paid

Once approved, your balance updates in the app. You can cash out anytime after hitting the minimum withdrawal amount, which is usually \$5 (but varies by country and payment method).

Types of Tasks on Premise

 **Local Tasks** – Visit places like markets, pharmacies, gas stations, or government buildings to gather visual info.

 **Price Checks** – Report the current cost of everyday goods like eggs, cooking oil, or soap.

🗣️ **Opinion Surveys** – Share your views on consumer behavior, brand recognition, or local conditions.

🌐 **Global Insights** – In developing countries, tasks may also involve infrastructure reporting (e.g., photos of roads or electricity poles).

Earnings Potential

Most tasks pay between **\$0.10 and \$2.00**, with some reaching up to **\$5 or more**. The key is **volume**—you might complete 10+ tasks in a single walk if the app is active in your area.

While the earnings per task seem small, they add up. Some users report earning **\$50–\$100 per month**, especially if they consistently complete tasks while running errands.

In regions with high task volume (like cities or developing nations), power users have earned **\$200–\$300+ monthly**.

Pros of Using Premise

- ✅ **Super Easy Tasks** – No experience needed. Tasks take just a few minutes.
 - ✅ **Works Worldwide** – Available in **100+ countries**, and supports various currencies and payment methods.
 - ✅ **Flexible Cash-Out Options** – Choose PayPal, Coinbase (crypto), or local methods.
 - ✅ **Earn on the Go** – Perfect for people who walk, commute, or explore their city often.
 - ✅ **Frequent Surveys** – Even when location tasks are scarce, surveys keep income steady.
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Cons of Using Premise

- ❌ **Low Pay Per Task** – Most tasks pay under \$1, so volume is key.
- ❌ **Limited Tasks in Some Areas** – If you're in a small town or rural area, there may be fewer opportunities.
- ❌ **GPS Accuracy Required** – Some tasks won't submit unless your location is precisely verified.
- ❌ **App Bugs Occasionally** – Users report occasional glitches or freezes on older devices.

✗ **Strict Submission Guidelines** – Blurry or incorrect photos may get rejected without pay.

Tips to Maximize Premise Earnings

📷 **Take Clear Photos** – Use natural light, steady your phone, and make sure images aren't blurry or cropped.

📍 **Turn On Location Services** – Always have GPS on to qualify for location-based tasks.

🛒 **Combine with Errands** – Check tasks before heading out so you can complete a few while grocery shopping or commuting.

🕒 **Be Quick** – Some tasks are first-come, first-served. Submitting quickly gives you more consistent opportunities.

💬 **Complete Surveys Daily** – Opinion tasks are easy and help keep a steady stream of income between location gigs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is Premise legit?

A: Yes—Premise is a real company headquartered in San Francisco. It's been featured in Forbes, NPR, and other major outlets.

Q: What's the minimum cash-out?

A: Usually \$5, but it varies by country and payment method.

Q: How long does it take to get paid?

A: Payments are often processed **within 24–48 hours**, depending on volume and method.

Q: Can I work offline?

A: Yes, you can complete some tasks offline, but you must be online with GPS active to upload your submissions.

Q: Is Premise available in my country?

A: Probably! It's available in over 100 countries—just check the app store to see if it's supported in your region.

Final Thoughts

Premise is the kind of app that quietly builds your side hustle income in the background. It won't make you rich overnight, but it **rewards consistency, curiosity, and mobility**.

Whether you're in the U.S. snapping price tags at Walmart or overseas documenting local markets, Premise helps you turn everyday errands into income. It's perfect for students, travelers, remote workers, and anyone looking to **earn a little extra while staying active**.

Open the app. Find a task. Snap a photo. Get paid. It's that simple.

Chapter 6: Making Money with Foap

Ever scrolled through your phone's camera roll and thought, "Some of these photos are actually pretty good"? With **Foap**, you can turn those everyday snapshots into real money. Whether it's a picture of your dog, your lunch, or a beautiful sunset, Foap gives you the chance to **sell your photos to brands and marketers all over the world**.

It's one of the simplest ways to enter the world of stock photography—without needing a fancy DSLR or a professional portfolio.

What Is Foap?

Foap is a mobile platform that allows everyday users to **upload and sell photos** (and videos) to companies, advertisers, and content creators. Think of it as a marketplace where your casual, real-life photography has value.

The app is free to use, and the photos you upload go into a searchable database where buyers can purchase them for use in ads, websites, social media, and more.

What makes Foap stand out? It's geared toward **authentic, real-world images**—not overly staged or Photoshopped content. That means even smartphone pics can sell.

How Foap Works

1. Download and Set Up

Install the **Foap app** (available for Android and iOS), create an account, and set up your profile with:

- A profile picture
- A short bio
- PayPal info (for receiving payments)

2. Upload Your Photos

Start uploading photos from your camera roll. Make sure they are:

- Original (you must own them)
- High quality (good lighting, not blurry)
- Properly tagged (use keywords like "beach," "coffee," "puppy," etc.)

You can upload **as many photos as you want**, and each one is reviewed before going live.

3. Sell Through the Marketplace

Your photos go into Foap's global marketplace. Buyers (often brands or content creators) can purchase a **non-exclusive license** for \$10, and you get **50% of the sale** (\$5 per download).

Your photo can be sold **multiple times**, making this a potential source of passive income.

4. Join Missions for Bigger Rewards

In addition to the marketplace, Foap offers "**Missions**"—branded contests where companies ask for specific types of photos (e.g., "a refreshing moment with sparkling water").

If your photo is selected, you can win **\$50, \$100, or more**. Even if you don't win, the photo stays in your portfolio and is still available for sale.

Earnings Potential

Here's what to expect:

- **\$5 per photo sold** (can sell repeatedly)
- **Mission rewards** range from **\$50 to \$500**
- Most casual users earn **\$20-\$100/month**
- Top users with large portfolios can earn **\$500+ over time**

Foap won't replace your 9-5, but it can generate passive income, especially if you enjoy photography and consistently upload.

Pros of Using Foap

- ✓ **Passive Income Potential** – Upload once, earn over and over when your photos sell.
- ✓ **Beginner-Friendly** – No need for pro gear. Great photos from a smartphone are just fine.
- ✓ **Global Audience** – Your photos are marketed to thousands of buyers around the world.
- ✓ **Creative Freedom** – Take photos of whatever you love—nature, pets, food, people, travel.

- ✔ **Mission Bonuses** – Extra opportunities to earn more through contests.
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Cons of Using Foap

- ✗ **High Competition** – With thousands of users, standing out can be challenging.
 - ✗ **Slow Sales for Some** – Not every photo sells. You may need patience and a large portfolio.
 - ✗ **50% Commission** – Foap splits revenue with you, which is fair but not as high as direct sales.
 - ✗ **No Guarantee of Income** – Uploading photos doesn't guarantee sales.
 - ✗ **Tagging is Time-Consuming** – To get noticed, every photo must be well-tagged with searchable keywords.
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Tips to Succeed on Foap

- 📷 **Upload Regularly** – More photos = more chances to sell. Aim for 10–20 uploads a week.
 - 🔍 **Use Detailed Tags** – Use at least 10–20 keywords per photo to make them easier to find.
 - 🔗 **Study What Sells** – Browse top photos in the marketplace to understand what buyers want.
 - ✳️ **Join Missions Frequently** – These are curated and get more attention from buyers.
 - 💬 **Engage with the Community** – Follow other users, get ratings, and increase visibility.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to be a professional photographer?

A: Nope. If your photos are clear, creative, and original, you're good to go.

Q: Can I sell the same photo multiple times?

A: Yes! You retain the rights and earn \$5 each time a photo is sold.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: Foap pays through **PayPal**. You can request a payout once your balance reaches **\$5**.

Q: Can I sell photos I took years ago?

A: Absolutely—as long as they're your own and meet quality standards.

Q: What happens if someone uses my photo without paying?

A: Foap handles licensing and protects your rights through their platform, but it's wise not to post the same photo freely online without watermarks.

Final Thoughts

If you love taking pictures and want a laid-back way to earn money from your creativity, **Foap is an ideal side hustle.** It's especially appealing because it turns your camera roll into a potential gold mine—and you don't need to leave your house to get started.

Whether you snap photos of pets, lattes, landscapes, or your travels, someone out there might be willing to pay for it. Foap helps you make that connection, and all you have to do is **keep clicking and uploading.**

It's a hustle that grows over time. The more you shoot and share, the better your chances of making consistent sales.

Chapter 7: Making Money with EyeEm

If you've ever wanted to make your photography look a little more professional—and actually get paid for it—**EyeEm** might be the platform that helps you bridge that gap. Unlike some casual photo-selling apps, EyeEm is where smartphone snapshots meet artistic, editorial-quality content.

The best part? You don't need to be a professional photographer to start. You just need **an eye for composition, creativity, and authenticity**.

EyeEm gives you a place to showcase your work, improve your skills, and earn money through photo licensing—either directly or by connecting your portfolio to bigger stock platforms like Getty Images.

What Is EyeEm?

EyeEm is a photo-sharing and stock image platform that allows photographers to sell their images to businesses, advertisers, and creative professionals. Based in Germany, EyeEm's marketplace is known for **authentic, high-quality images**—the kind brands love to use in ads, articles, and marketing campaigns.

Users upload photos to their profiles, which are then reviewed for quality. If approved, they're listed in EyeEm's marketplace—and sometimes on partner platforms like **Getty Images**, where your exposure (and potential earnings) grow even more.

How EyeEm Works

1. Download the App and Sign Up

Install the **EyeEm app** (available for iOS and Android), create an account, and set up your profile with:

- A display name and photo
- Your photography interests
- PayPal info for payouts

You can also access EyeEm via desktop, which is handy for uploading and managing photos.

2. Upload Your Photos

Upload photos from your camera roll or computer. EyeEm encourages:

- Natural lighting
- Unique composition
- Real people and scenes
- Editorial-style shots

Each photo goes through a **review process**. If accepted, it may be listed in:

- **EyeEm Marketplace**
- **Getty Images**
- **Adobe Stock**
- Other partnered stock libraries

3. Tag and Describe

Add relevant keywords and short descriptions to help buyers find your images. EyeEm's AI also auto-tags, but adding your own increases visibility.

4. Wait for Sales

Once listed, your photos are visible to thousands of global buyers. If someone licenses your photo, you get a cut of the sale.

Earnings Potential

EyeEm's photo sales usually bring in **\$10 to \$100 per license**, depending on where and how the image is used. Your cut depends on the partner platform:

- **50% payout** for EyeEm Market sales
- **20–50% payout** if sold through Getty or Adobe Stock

You can also earn through:

- **Missions** – Branded contests with cash prizes (typically \$50–\$200)
- **Photo Awards** – Annual events with big exposure and payouts

Earnings vary widely. Some users make **a few bucks a month**, while others with large, curated portfolios bring in **hundreds or even thousands per year**.

Pros of Using EyeEm

- ✔ **High-Quality Marketplace** – EyeEm appeals to serious buyers looking for authentic, editorial-style content.
 - ✔ **Global Reach** – Your photos can be sold through Getty Images and Adobe Stock for even broader exposure.
 - ✔ **Community + Growth** – You get feedback, see top photos, and learn what sells well.
 - ✔ **Passive Income** – Once your photo is live, it can sell multiple times without extra effort.
 - ✔ **Professional Feel** – EyeEm gives your portfolio a clean, gallery-style presentation—great for building your brand.
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Cons of Using EyeEm

- ✗ **Strict Quality Standards** – Not every photo will be accepted, and curation takes time.
 - ✗ **Slow Sales at First** – Building a large, sellable portfolio is a long game.
 - ✗ **Lower Payout via Partners** – Getty and Adobe take a large cut compared to direct sales.
 - ✗ **Tagging Is Important (and Tedious)** – Metadata affects discoverability; poor tags = fewer sales.
 - ✗ **Payment Minimum** – You’ll need to reach **\$10 minimum** before you can cash out via PayPal.
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Tips for Success on EyeEm

- 📷 **Shoot with Purpose** – Think like a buyer: what images do businesses need? (e.g., “remote work lifestyle,” “healthy eating,” “diverse families”)
- 🔍 **Tag Thoughtfully** – Use 10–25 tags per photo, including emotional, situational, and descriptive keywords.
- 🏆 **Enter Missions** – Not only can you win cash, but missions also boost visibility for your work.
- 🔧 **Curate Your Portfolio** – Don’t upload everything. Focus on quality, style, and consistency.

🌐 **Use the Desktop Platform** – Easier to manage uploads and edit tags in bulk.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I use EyeEm if I'm a beginner photographer?

A: Yes! EyeEm is great for beginners who are improving their skills and want exposure to a creative community.

Q: What types of photos sell best?

A: Authentic, unstaged photos of people, urban life, nature, and everyday situations do well—especially if they convey emotion or tell a story.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: EyeEm pays through **PayPal**, once your balance reaches the minimum threshold (usually \$10).

Q: Can I upload the same photo to other platforms?

A: Yes, unless you choose to make it **exclusive** to EyeEm or Getty. Non-exclusive images can be sold on multiple platforms.

Q: Are there any upfront costs?

A: Nope! EyeEm is free to use. You earn only when your photos sell.

Final Thoughts

EyeEm is the ideal next step for anyone who wants to turn casual photography into something more serious—without the stress of a full-time photography gig. It gives you access to a massive marketplace, opportunities for contests and exposure, and the potential to make **ongoing passive income** with just your camera and creativity.

If you're already snapping photos for Foap or Snapwire, EyeEm is a smart addition to your hustle toolkit. It rewards photographers who take time to polish their work and understand what the market wants. So grab your phone, explore your city, and start capturing the kind of images people will pay for.

The world is full of photo-worthy moments—EyeEm just helps you cash in on them.

Chapter 8: Making Money with Snapwire

If you're someone who sees the world through a camera lens—whether you're shooting sunsets, lattes, or city streets—**Snapwire** might be your next favorite side hustle. It's a photography platform that bridges the gap between stock imagery and client-driven creative briefs.

Unlike apps that only offer passive photo sales, Snapwire takes things a step further by letting you **compete for custom photo requests**, work directly with brands, and build a real portfolio of professional gigs—all from your phone.

It's a more **competitive, high-reward platform**, and while it's not for absolute beginners, it's an amazing way to earn income doing what you love if you're ready to level up your skills.

What Is Snapwire?

Snapwire is a marketplace that connects talented photographers with companies looking for high-quality images. It offers two main ways to make money:

1. **Stock Sales** – Upload photos to your portfolio and earn royalties when they sell.
2. **Requests** – Respond to brand-specific briefs (a.k.a. "Challenges") and get paid for custom shoots.

Snapwire appeals to businesses that want **authentic, creative images** that reflect real life—not just overly polished stock shots.

How Snapwire Works

1. Create an Account

Sign up at snapwire.com or via the Snapwire app (iOS only). You'll set up a profile with:

- Your photography interests (lifestyle, food, travel, etc.)
- A bio
- PayPal info (for payouts)

Snapwire has different **user tiers**: you start as a **Creator**, and as you complete successful requests and grow your portfolio, you can move up to **Explorer**, **Shooter**, and even **Elite**.

2. Build Your Portfolio

Upload your best work to showcase your style. Snapwire favors:

- Clean, authentic compositions
- High-resolution images
- People, culture, lifestyle, and environment themes

Quality matters here more than quantity.

3. Sell in the Marketplace

Once uploaded and approved, your photos are searchable in the Snapwire marketplace and partner sites. Each sale earns you a **royalty percentage**, typically **50%** of the sale price.

4. Join Requests and Challenges

Companies often post **Requests**, which are briefs for specific images (e.g., “female runners at sunrise” or “holiday food prep with family”). You can submit photos to compete.

If selected, you earn a **flat fee or per-image payout**—often between **\$25 and \$150+**. Some challenges award multiple winners, so your odds aren’t bad if your work matches the brief.

Earnings Potential

Snapwire is a **higher-end photo selling platform**, so while you won’t see instant income, the potential is stronger over time.

- **Stock sales** earn you ~50% per image sold (usually \$5–\$100 depending on usage).
- **Requests** and **Missions** typically pay **\$25–\$150 per image**.
- Elite photographers working directly with clients may earn **\$300–\$1,000+ per project**.

Some part-time Snapwire users report earning **\$200–\$500/month** with consistent effort, while pros can build full-on freelance careers.

Pros of Using Snapwire

- ✓ **Higher Payouts** – Earn more per image compared to Foap or similar apps.
- ✓ **Creative Briefs** – Requests let you do targeted, meaningful shoots—not just random uploads.
- ✓ **Portfolio-Driven** – Great place to showcase your style and attract client work.

✓ **Access to Brands** – Companies post directly on Snapwire, giving you real-world opportunities.

✓ **Upward Mobility** – Grow from casual contributor to Elite status with hard work and great photos.

Cons of Using Snapwire

✗ **iOS Only (App)** – As of now, Snapwire doesn't offer a dedicated Android app.

✗ **Not Beginner-Friendly** – There's a learning curve, and quality expectations are high.

✗ **Slow Sales at First** – Building your reputation and portfolio takes time.

✗ **Competitive** – You'll be up against skilled photographers from all over the world.

✗ **Manual Tagging and Editing Required** – Uploading quality work requires effort—editing, keywording, and following brand briefs closely.

Tips to Succeed on Snapwire

📷 **Focus on Authenticity** – Brands want *real life*, not generic stock photos.

🎯 **Read Briefs Carefully** – For Requests, follow the creative direction and tone exactly. Submissions that match the brief are more likely to win.

🖼️ **Use Natural Lighting** – Overly processed or filtered photos rarely get chosen.

📝 **Engage with the Community** – Commenting, liking, and following helps you get seen and build credibility.

🔍 **Tag Smartly** – Use 10–20 relevant tags per photo, but avoid spamming or keyword stuffing.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need a DSLR or can I use a smartphone?

A: You *can* use a smartphone, but Snapwire leans toward higher-end, professional-quality photos. Smartphone images need to be sharp, well-composed, and edited cleanly.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: Snapwire pays through **PayPal**, usually once your balance hits the minimum payout threshold (typically \$25).

Q: Can I submit the same photo to Foap or EyeEm?

A: Yes, unless you accept an **exclusive licensing agreement** through Snapwire. If the platform or client requests exclusivity, you can't post that photo elsewhere.

Q: How often do people actually win Requests?

A: Pretty regularly! If your work is strong and fits the creative direction, you have a solid shot—especially in open challenges where multiple winners are selected.

Q: Is Snapwire worth it if I'm a beginner?

A: If you're willing to learn and grow your skills, yes. But it's a slower start than apps like Premise or Field Agent. Think of Snapwire as a **creative investment** in your long-term side hustle potential.

Final Thoughts

Snapwire is where serious hobbyists and aspiring pros can really stretch their creative legs—and make money while doing it. It's not about quick, mindless uploads. It's about crafting images that **tell stories and connect with people**.

For those willing to put in the time, Snapwire can become a reliable stream of income—and even lead to client-based freelance work. If you love photography and want to go beyond simple stock sales, this app gives you the tools to take your side hustle to the next level.

The hustle is real—but the payoff, both creatively and financially, is worth it.

Chapter 9: Making Money with Dreamstime

By now, you've probably realized that there are quite a few apps that pay you to sell photos—but **Dreamstime** is one of the oldest and most respected stock photo platforms in the game. Unlike some of the trendier, app-first platforms, Dreamstime is part of the "**legacy stock photography**" world—and that's a good thing.

It means more buyers. More photo categories. And more chances to earn real, repeatable income from your images.

Dreamstime caters to both beginner and professional photographers. So whether you're shooting on your phone or DSLR, it's a smart, long-term platform to include in your photo-selling side hustle stack.

What Is Dreamstime?

Dreamstime is a royalty-based stock photography platform where you can upload and license your images for commercial or editorial use. It has **over 44 million registered users** and clients ranging from small blogs to Fortune 500 companies.

You earn royalties every time someone downloads one of your photos, and the best part? Photos can sell **over and over again** for years—meaning it's a great place to build **passive income** from your existing work.

How Dreamstime Works

1. Create a Contributor Account

Visit [Dreamstime.com](https://www.dreamstime.com) and sign up as a contributor. You'll need:

- A valid email
- A PayPal or Payoneer account for payments
- Some sample images to get started (minimum of 3)

You can also download the **Dreamstime Companion app** (Android & iOS) to upload and manage your portfolio on the go.

2. Upload and Submit Photos

Photos must be:

- At least **3 megapixels**

- Well-lit and high quality
- Free from copyright issues or logos
- Accurately titled and keyworded

Each photo is reviewed by Dreamstime's moderation team before being accepted into the marketplace.

3. Earn Royalties from Downloads

Once approved, your images are searchable by millions of potential buyers. When a buyer downloads your image, you earn a royalty—typically **25–50%** of the purchase price. Exclusive photos can earn up to **60%**.

The more downloads, the more you earn. And since buyers often look for common themes (business, technology, lifestyle, people, food), your everyday photos have real selling potential.

Types of Photos That Sell

 **Business & Work** – People in meetings, remote work, office scenes.

 **Food & Drink** – Meals, coffee, recipes, healthy eating.

 **Travel & Culture** – Famous landmarks, nature shots, cultural events.

 **Technology** – Smartphones, laptops, modern gadgets in use.

 **Family & Lifestyle** – Parents, children, relationships, real-life moments.

 **Conceptual** – Success, growth, money, environment, social issues.

Pro tip: Buyers love “real life” photos with emotion, color, and clarity.

Earnings Potential

Dreamstime pays based on licensing sales, and you earn a **royalty percentage per download**. Here's the breakdown:

- **Standard royalty:** 25–50% per download
- **Exclusive photos:** Up to 60%
- **Extended licenses:** Higher payouts (can exceed \$50 per sale)

- **Referral program:** Earn a percentage when users you refer make purchases

With a growing portfolio, it's not unusual for side hustlers to earn **\$50-\$200/month**, and some experienced contributors make **\$500+ monthly**. It's not instant money, but it's scalable and long-term.

Pros of Using Dreamstime

- ✔ **Trusted Platform** – Established, reputable, and home to millions of active buyers.
 - ✔ **Great for Passive Income** – Once uploaded, your photos can earn for years.
 - ✔ **High Payout Potential** – Royalty rates increase with exclusivity and downloads.
 - ✔ **Wide Market Demand** – Businesses of all sizes shop here regularly.
 - ✔ **Flexible Upload Options** – Use desktop or mobile app to upload anywhere.
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Cons of Using Dreamstime

- ✗ **Review Process Can Be Slow** – Approvals can take days or even a week.
 - ✗ **Strict Quality Standards** – Blurry, low-res, or poorly tagged photos will be rejected.
 - ✗ **Tough Competition** – With millions of images, it takes time to get noticed.
 - ✗ **Tagging is Manual** – Every photo needs relevant keywords, descriptions, and categories.
 - ✗ **No Instant Pay** – You need to reach the payout threshold before you can withdraw (usually \$100 via PayPal or \$10 via Payoneer).
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Tips for Selling More on Dreamstime

- 🎯 **Niche Down** – Specialize in themes like tech, diversity, small business, or lifestyle.
- 📅 **Upload Regularly** – Consistent uploads keep your portfolio visible and active.
- 🔑 **Use 15-25 Keywords** – Good tagging makes your photos searchable.
- 📷 **Offer Both Editorial & Commercial** – Editorial photos (with real people, logos, or events) are valuable for news media.

✿ **Make It Exclusive** – Exclusive images earn higher royalties and face less competition.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I use my smartphone to take Dreamstime photos?

A: Yes—as long as the photo meets minimum quality and resolution standards (3 megapixels or higher). Many smartphone images qualify if taken well.

Q: Can I sell the same photos on other platforms?

A: Yes, unless you mark the photo as “exclusive” on Dreamstime. Exclusive images must stay only on their platform but earn higher royalties.

Q: How often do photos sell?

A: It varies—some photos sell within days, others may take months. Consistency and tagging make a big difference.

Q: Are there any fees to use Dreamstime?

A: No fees to join or upload. They take their cut only after you make a sale.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: Dreamstime pays via **PayPal**, **Payoneer**, or **Skrill** once you meet the payout minimum.

Final Thoughts

Dreamstime is the platform to use if you’re playing the long game. It’s not flashy or fast, but it has staying power, real income potential, and a steady stream of buyers who need everyday imagery from contributors just like you.

If you're already taking photos for EyeEm or Foap, Dreamstime gives you a chance to build passive income on a more traditional stock platform. Over time, a strong portfolio can pay you again and again—without ever having to retake the same photo.

So, take your best shots, tag them wisely, and give them a digital life. With Dreamstime, your photo hustle can grow into something that keeps working long after you’ve hit “upload.”

Chapter 10: Making Money with Shutterstock Contributor

When people think of stock photography, **Shutterstock** is usually one of the first names that comes to mind—and for good reason. It's one of the largest and most well-known stock content marketplaces in the world, with millions of customers across over 150 countries.

For creators, Shutterstock offers a way to **earn passive income by uploading photos, videos, and illustrations** that can be licensed again and again. And thanks to the **Shutterstock Contributor app**, you can manage your entire portfolio and even upload images straight from your smartphone.

Whether you're a hobbyist with an eye for photography or a side hustler looking to maximize your creative income, becoming a **Shutterstock Contributor** is a smart and scalable way to get paid for your work.

What Is the Shutterstock Contributor Program?

The **Shutterstock Contributor program** allows you to submit your own content—photos, vectors, and videos—to be licensed by businesses, bloggers, marketers, designers, and publishers.

You earn a royalty every time your content is downloaded. The more high-quality content you have in your portfolio, the more potential you have to earn recurring income from downloads across the globe.

With **over 2 million buyers**, Shutterstock gives your work access to a huge, high-paying audience.

How to Get Started

1. Sign Up as a Contributor

Go to submit.shutterstock.com or download the **Shutterstock Contributor** app (available on iOS and Android).

You'll need to:

- Create an account
- Upload a few sample images (you must be at least 18)
- Verify your identity
- Link a payment method (Payoneer or PayPal)

2. Upload Your Work

Once approved, you can start uploading:

- Photos (minimum 4MP resolution)
- Illustrations (vector files, JPEG preview required)
- Videos (optional, but higher earning potential)

Each upload must include:

- A clear title
- Detailed description
- 10–50 relevant keywords
- Category selection

Your submissions will go through a **review process**, and you'll be notified once they're accepted (or rejected with feedback).

3. Earn Royalties on Every Download

Once your images are live, they're added to Shutterstock's searchable marketplace. Every time someone downloads your work, you earn a royalty. Some images might sell once—others might sell **hundreds of times** over the years.

Earnings Breakdown

Shutterstock uses a **tiered royalty system** based on your lifetime download count:

Tier	Downloads	Royalty Rate
Level 1	0–100	15%
Level 2	101–250	20%
Level 3	251–500	25%
Level 4	501–2,500	30%
Level 5	2,501–25,000	35%
Level 6	25,001+	40%

Typical royalty payouts range from **\$0.10 to \$2.00 per photo**, though some extended licenses and commercial uses can bring in **\$50-\$100+ per sale**.

If you build a large, high-performing portfolio, Shutterstock can become a meaningful source of recurring income.

Pros of Using Shutterstock Contributor

- ✓ **Massive Global Exposure** – Your content is accessible to millions of buyers across industries.
 - ✓ **Passive Income** – Upload once, earn royalties for years to come.
 - ✓ **Trusted Platform** – Shutterstock has been around since 2003 and is known for paying contributors reliably.
 - ✓ **Variety of Content Options** – Sell photos, videos, vectors, and even editorial content.
 - ✓ **Mobile-Friendly App** – Upload, track earnings, and manage your portfolio from your phone.
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Cons of Using Shutterstock Contributor

- ✗ **Strict Review Process** – Rejections are common, especially for blurry or poorly tagged content.
 - ✗ **Low Starting Royalties** – New contributors only earn 15% until they move up the tiers.
 - ✗ **High Competition** – With over 500 million images, standing out takes time and effort.
 - ✗ **Metadata is Key** – Bad titles or tags mean your photos won't be discovered.
 - ✗ **Slow Ramp-Up** – It can take weeks or months before you see consistent sales.
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Tips to Succeed on Shutterstock

- 📷 **Focus on Commercial Value** – Think like a marketer. Photos of people using technology, diverse workplaces, families, or “concepts” (like success or teamwork) sell well.
- 🔍 **Master Tagging** – Use all 50 keyword slots. Think broadly and specifically (e.g., “remote work,” “home office,” “laptop,” “freelancer”).

 **Treat It Like a Business** – The more high-quality images you upload consistently, the more likely you are to earn.

 **Use the App for Inspiration** – The Shutterstock Contributor app shows trending keywords and content ideas.

 **Upload Editorial Content** – Photos of real events, protests, city scenes, and public figures can be submitted under editorial licenses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I submit mobile photos?

A: Yes—as long as they meet quality standards. Many smartphone cameras now produce high-res images suitable for Shutterstock.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: Payments are made monthly via **Payoneer or PayPal** once you reach **\$35 minimum earnings**.

Q: Can I upload the same photos to other platforms?

A: Yes, unless you choose to offer them exclusively on Shutterstock (which is optional).

Q: How long does it take to get images approved?

A: Usually within **72 hours**, but it can take longer during busy seasons.

Q: Is it worth it if I only have a few photos?

A: It's best to think long-term. One or two photos won't generate much, but a growing portfolio of 100, 500, or 1,000+ images can bring consistent income.

Final Thoughts

Shutterstock Contributor is a must-have in your photography side hustle lineup. It's one of the most trusted names in stock photography, with real income potential if you commit to building a high-quality, searchable portfolio.

Yes, it takes time to see traction. But unlike many gig apps, your uploads can **pay you over and over**—even years down the road. It's not just a side hustle. It's a digital asset that can grow in value.

So whether you're shooting from your phone or a DSLR, there's room for your perspective in Shutterstock's global marketplace. Upload your best, tag them right, and let the royalties begin.

Chapter 11: Making Money with Observa

When people think of stock photography, **Shutterstock** is usually one of the first names that comes to mind—and for good reason. It's one of the largest and most well-known stock content marketplaces in the world, with millions of customers across over 150 countries.

For creators, Shutterstock offers a way to **earn passive income by uploading photos, videos, and illustrations** that can be licensed again and again. And thanks to the **Shutterstock Contributor app**, you can manage your entire portfolio and even upload images straight from your smartphone.

Whether you're a hobbyist with an eye for photography or a side hustler looking to maximize your creative income, becoming a **Shutterstock Contributor** is a smart and scalable way to get paid for your work.

What Is the Shutterstock Contributor Program?

The **Shutterstock Contributor program** allows you to submit your own content—photos, vectors, and videos—to be licensed by businesses, bloggers, marketers, designers, and publishers.

You earn a royalty every time your content is downloaded. The more high-quality content you have in your portfolio, the more potential you have to earn recurring income from downloads across the globe.

With **over 2 million buyers**, Shutterstock gives your work access to a huge, high-paying audience.

How to Get Started

1. Sign Up as a Contributor

Go to submit.shutterstock.com or download the **Shutterstock Contributor** app (available on iOS and Android).

You'll need to:

- Create an account
- Upload a few sample images (you must be at least 18)
- Verify your identity
- Link a payment method (Payoneer or PayPal)

2. Upload Your Work

Once approved, you can start uploading:

- Photos (minimum 4MP resolution)
- Illustrations (vector files, JPEG preview required)
- Videos (optional, but higher earning potential)

Each upload must include:

- A clear title
- Detailed description
- 10–50 relevant keywords
- Category selection

Your submissions will go through a **review process**, and you'll be notified once they're accepted (or rejected with feedback).

3. Earn Royalties on Every Download

Once your images are live, they're added to Shutterstock's searchable marketplace. Every time someone downloads your work, you earn a royalty. Some images might sell once—others might sell **hundreds of times** over the years.

Earnings Breakdown

Shutterstock uses a **tiered royalty system** based on your lifetime download count:

Tier	Downloads	Royalty Rate
Level 1	0–100	15%
Level 2	101–250	20%
Level 3	251–500	25%
Level 4	501–2,500	30%
Level 5	2,501–25,000	35%
Level 6	25,001+	40%

Typical royalty payouts range from **\$0.10 to \$2.00 per photo**, though some extended licenses and commercial uses can bring in **\$50-\$100+ per sale**.

If you build a large, high-performing portfolio, Shutterstock can become a meaningful source of recurring income.

Pros of Using Shutterstock Contributor

- ✓ **Massive Global Exposure** – Your content is accessible to millions of buyers across industries.
 - ✓ **Passive Income** – Upload once, earn royalties for years to come.
 - ✓ **Trusted Platform** – Shutterstock has been around since 2003 and is known for paying contributors reliably.
 - ✓ **Variety of Content Options** – Sell photos, videos, vectors, and even editorial content.
 - ✓ **Mobile-Friendly App** – Upload, track earnings, and manage your portfolio from your phone.
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Cons of Using Shutterstock Contributor

- ✗ **Strict Review Process** – Rejections are common, especially for blurry or poorly tagged content.
 - ✗ **Low Starting Royalties** – New contributors only earn 15% until they move up the tiers.
 - ✗ **High Competition** – With over 500 million images, standing out takes time and effort.
 - ✗ **Metadata is Key** – Bad titles or tags mean your photos won't be discovered.
 - ✗ **Slow Ramp-Up** – It can take weeks or months before you see consistent sales.
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Tips to Succeed on Shutterstock

- 📷 **Focus on Commercial Value** – Think like a marketer. Photos of people using technology, diverse workplaces, families, or “concepts” (like success or teamwork) sell well.
- 🔍 **Master Tagging** – Use all 50 keyword slots. Think broadly and specifically (e.g., “remote work,” “home office,” “laptop,” “freelancer”).

 **Treat It Like a Business** – The more high-quality images you upload consistently, the more likely you are to earn.

 **Use the App for Inspiration** – The Shutterstock Contributor app shows trending keywords and content ideas.

 **Upload Editorial Content** – Photos of real events, protests, city scenes, and public figures can be submitted under editorial licenses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I submit mobile photos?

A: Yes—as long as they meet quality standards. Many smartphone cameras now produce high-res images suitable for Shutterstock.

Q: How do I get paid?

A: Payments are made monthly via **Payoneer or PayPal** once you reach **\$35 minimum earnings**.

Q: Can I upload the same photos to other platforms?

A: Yes, unless you choose to offer them exclusively on Shutterstock (which is optional).

Q: How long does it take to get images approved?

A: Usually within **72 hours**, but it can take longer during busy seasons.

Q: Is it worth it if I only have a few photos?

A: It's best to think long-term. One or two photos won't generate much, but a growing portfolio of 100, 500, or 1,000+ images can bring consistent income.

Final Thoughts

Shutterstock Contributor is a must-have in your photography side hustle lineup. It's one of the most trusted names in stock photography, with real income potential if you commit to building a high-quality, searchable portfolio.

Yes, it takes time to see traction. But unlike many gig apps, your uploads can **pay you over and over**—even years down the road. It's not just a side hustle. It's a digital asset that can grow in value.

So whether you're shooting from your phone or a DSLR, there's room for your perspective in Shutterstock's global marketplace. Upload your best, tag them right, and let the royalties begin.

Chapter 12: Making Money with BeMyEye

If you're looking for one more gig app to round out your money-making toolbox, **BeMyEye** is a fantastic option. Like Observa and Field Agent, BeMyEye pays users to complete short tasks in stores—verifying displays, checking prices, taking photos, and reporting on what you see.

What makes BeMyEye different is its **sleek interface**, **gamified experience**, and strong presence in both **the U.S. and Europe**, making it ideal for side hustlers who travel or live in busy urban areas.

If you enjoy being detail-oriented, moving quickly, and stacking multiple short gigs into one trip, BeMyEye is the kind of app that makes side hustle life both fun and profitable.

What Is BeMyEye?

BeMyEye is a mobile tasking app that connects companies with people on the ground—called "Eyes"—who complete simple audits and data collection jobs in retail environments.

As an Eye, your mission might include:

- Verifying product displays at a pharmacy
- Confirming promotional signage at a convenience store
- Checking out-of-stock items at a supermarket

These missions typically pay **\$4 to \$15**, and most can be completed in **5–15 minutes**. You're paid via PayPal, and there's **no minimum payout**, making it easy to turn tasks into instant income.

How to Use BeMyEye

1. Download and Set Up

Grab the **BeMyEye app** from the App Store or Google Play. When you sign up, you'll need to:

- Create a profile
- Enable location access
- Select your region (e.g., U.S., UK, EU)
- Link your **PayPal** account for payments

2. Browse and Claim Missions

The home screen shows a map and list view of available missions nearby. Tap a job to see:

- Pay rate
- Task description
- Estimated time to complete
- Location and deadline

Tap "Accept" to reserve the task. You usually have **2 hours** to complete it once accepted.

3. Go to the Store and Follow Instructions

Once you're on-site:

- Check in through the app (GPS required)
- Follow step-by-step instructions (take photos, answer survey questions, etc.)
- Submit everything directly through the app

Tasks are reviewed quickly, and you're notified once they've been approved.

4. Get Paid

After approval (usually within **48 hours**), payment is automatically sent to your **PayPal account**. You don't need to wait for a certain amount to cash out.

Types of Missions on BeMyEye

 **Retail Checks** – Confirm if a product is stocked, displayed, or priced correctly.

 **Photo Verification** – Snap clean photos of shelves, signage, end caps, or special displays.

 **Receipt Missions** – Occasionally, you may be asked to upload a receipt for a small bonus or survey.

 **Surveys** – Some tasks include simple multiple-choice questions or brief open-ended responses.

Earnings Potential

Most BeMyEye missions pay between **\$4 and \$12**, with some complex or urgent jobs offering **\$15-\$20**. It's common to complete **3-5 tasks in an hour**, especially in shopping centers or retail-heavy areas.

Casual users can earn **\$50-\$100 per month**, while those in high-density cities who hustle hard can pull in **\$200-\$300+** monthly.

Pros of Using BeMyEye

- ✔ **Easy-to-Use App** – Intuitive interface and map make finding and completing tasks simple.
 - ✔ **Quick Payouts** – PayPal payments often land within 1-2 days after task approval.
 - ✔ **Short Tasks, Quick Money** – Most jobs take under 10 minutes to complete.
 - ✔ **Gamified Progress** – Earn badges, level up, and unlock special missions as you complete tasks.
 - ✔ **International Reach** – Great for travelers, especially in Europe where the app is widely used.
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Cons of Using BeMyEye

- ✗ **Limited Jobs in Rural Areas** – Like many apps, activity is higher in cities and suburbs.
 - ✗ **Strict Submission Requirements** – Blurry photos or skipped steps can result in rejections.
 - ✗ **Short Completion Windows** – Most missions must be finished soon after acceptance.
 - ✗ **No Mileage Compensation** – You're responsible for your own travel, so plan routes wisely.
 - ✗ **Not Ideal for Offline Use** – App requires GPS and data connection for most tasks.
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Tips to Maximize Earnings

- 📍 **Hit Shopping Areas** – Big-box stores, retail plazas, and malls are gold mines for missions.
- 📷 **Use Burst Mode** – Take multiple quick shots to avoid blur and ensure you get usable photos.

 **Refresh the App Often** – New tasks pop up throughout the day—act fast when they appear.

 **Pay Attention to Details** – Read instructions twice. Small mistakes can cost you a payout.

 **Stack Missions** – Use BeMyEye alongside apps like Field Agent, Ivueit, and Observa for back-to-back earnings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How old do I need to be to use BeMyEye?

A: You must be **18 years or older** to sign up and accept paid tasks.

Q: How does BeMyEye pay?

A: Payments go through **PayPal**, usually within **48 hours** of task approval. No minimum withdrawal required.

Q: Do I need special equipment?

A: Nope! Just a smartphone with a decent camera and GPS. That's it.

Q: Can I accept multiple jobs at once?

A: Yes, but be mindful of time windows and distance. It's smart to claim jobs that are close together.

Q: What happens if a store refuses to let me take photos?

A: You can report access issues through the app. In most cases, you'll still be partially compensated.

Final Thoughts

BeMyEye wraps up our list of top apps that pay you to take pictures—and it's a strong contender for anyone who loves quick, location-based gigs. It's easy to use, pays fast, and fits perfectly into a multi-app hustle strategy.

What makes it really shine is the **“pick up and go” nature** of the tasks. Whether you're commuting, traveling, or just running errands, BeMyEye lets you squeeze in short, profitable missions almost anywhere.

It's visual, rewarding, and addictively satisfying to complete jobs and see those PayPal payments roll in. For side hustlers who like being out in the real world, BeMyEye is a no-brainer.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this book! I hope that you're able to make some extra money with some of the apps that were covered. Good luck!

