



The 5 Habits of Highly Successful Job Seekers

While the job market is improving, it can still be a difficult task to land the job you want. Thankfully, job seekers themselves can have a big impact on the way their job searches turn out – all by changing a few of their behaviors. By becoming proactive and adept at facing new challenges, a job seeker can positively influence what happens in their job search.

The following are a few good habits that can help job seekers see better results in their search:

Networking. Start nurturing your existing business relationships and make the effort to form meaningful new ones. Expand your network by attending industry events and simply by meeting new people. Don't be afraid to strike up conversations. Be supportive and helpful to people within your network, even if you don't think they can be beneficial to your job search. After all, they might know a guy who knows a guy. Become a go-to resource in your network and connect with people one-on-one.

Always be prepared. Job seekers could learn a thing or two from the Boy Scouts. You should be ready for anything when it comes to your job search. Make sure you always have your job materials (resume, portfolio, etc.) regularly updated and easily accessible, whether digitally in the cloud or printed out. Keep a spare set of your job materials in your car, briefcase, or backpack so that you'll always have them handy in case you run into someone that wants to have a look.

Educate yourself. Stay on top of the latest developments and advancements in your field. Is there something new you could learn? Take advantage of any educational opportunity that pops up, whether it's a seminar, online course, or even a quick chat with someone in the industry. Understanding the trends in your field can help you determine where growth might be in the future and it will also guarantee that you'll be up to date on the latest happenings. You can leverage this personal growth later in job interviews.



Don't wait. Start practicing for interviews now, not just when you have one scheduled. You can hone your job interview skills by doing practice interviews with friends, family, and fellow job seekers. With so much preparation under your belt, you'll breeze through actual interviews because you know your stuff. You can also record your practice interviews and use the recordings to critique and improve your interview technique.

Stay healthy. Don't forget to take care of yourself. Job hunting can be exhausting and stressful at times. Don't let yourself become overwhelmed. Eat healthy, exercise, get enough sleep, and keep in regular contact with friends and family. Staying healthy and maintaining your energy level will be a crucial part of your job hunt. When you feel better, you'll do better.

A job search requires both self-discipline and energy. You'll likely face a variety of pressures, whether from the job market itself or with personal commitments. By developing good job searching habits now, you'll be better equipped to find and land your next job. ■