

10 Things to do After Interview



It's the time to sit and wait after you have given your best performance and presented your cleanest resume at the interview. However, there is proper after-interview etiquette you can do instead of merely waiting. Doing some little actions may remind the human resources manager about you, and further increase chances to get hired. Here are a list of things you can do after the interview:

1. Timeline

After the interview, inquire about the timeline for their hiring process. Create your own base for when to follow up with the timeline given. If you have a deadline in getting their decision, it is ok to let them know that you need their answer by what date. However, do not request so unless you must.

2. Follow-Up Note

You are still interested in the job. Follow-up via e-mail right after the interview, it may include an appreciation on their time spent to interview you. Moreover, reiterate that you are interested in the position too, add a few additional points from what you discussed during your interview and thank him for the opportunity again.

3. Reflect

You must reflect on the experience if you feel your interview went less than ideal. Identify your mistakes and learn how to perform better in the future. Write down is a good way to remind yourself on the important matter you should improve.

4. Follow-Up Again

Don't sound aggressive or anxious during the follow-ups. Only follow-up according to the timeline they informed you earlier. If Friday you can get the decision from the manager, don't follow-up on Thursday and ask for the result. As you have sent in your first follow-up email, do not rush to throw another one until you don't receive anything which you suppose to receive.

5. Desire

After the interview, take sometime to reflect on you and the job applied, whether or not you really want to work in that field. You may ask people around you who know you, they can give constructive suggestions for you which can help you better in positioning yourself in that particular job. Reject as early as you can if you are no longer interested in the job, this shows your responsibility on not only you yourself but others too.

6. Patience

The hiring process takes longer than you might think. Hiring for a position has numerous hurdles, such as hiring managers out station, human resources delays and scheduling issues. Therefore, make sure you be patient during your wait, don't assume you didn't get the job because you haven't heard anything from them.

7. Explain

You should never give excuses for an error made, but you can explain it in a follow-up letter to the employer. If you felt your answers to interview questions were poor or that you left something out, send a professional follow-up letter that explains this to the hiring manager. Remember your purpose is to explain only but not argue, and don't sound defensive too.

8. Apologize

You might feel your interview was poor, but don't automatically assume the hiring manager thought the same. The only time you should apologize is for a slip-up, such as referring to the hiring manager by the wrong name.

9. Move-On

If the employer doesn't call, don't waste time worrying about a position you never had. You have done your best in interviews and follow-ups, so just wait for them to call you if they want to hire you. Don't invest too much of your time worrying about the the past interviews, move on.

10. Apply for Other Jobs

Keep looking for work while waiting on one interview. No matter how well the interview went, there might be other candidates in the same position. You might be wrong with your confidence in getting the job. Therefore, continue sending out applications, resume and go to interviews while waiting for the hiring decision.