

ASPIRE NEWS

Encouraging Education Beyond High School

How to Survive the Dreaded Interview

Tips from the Experts

At sometime we must all interview for a job. The interview may be by internet, skype, phone, or in person. This is your one and only chance to convince an employer that you are the best person for the job. The first thing to remember is your potential employer is trying to find the right person for the job. The goal may be to teach students, build airplanes, sell cars, or drive a tractor. The person is someone that will fit in with other employees, produce work that is satisfactory to customers, and even make the company money. How can you convince the interviewer that you are the best candidate?

You have one chance to make a first impression.

- Learn all you can about your new employer.
What do they make, service, or teach.
What is their reputation?
- * Learn the details of the job you are applying for.
- * Dress according to the job.
- * If you can't answer a question, ask the person to repeat it while you think of how to answer.
- * After a question take a breath, think.....then answer the question.
- If you will interview in person, or where the interviewer can see you. Look that person directly in the eye. Smile !! Say "thank you" when the interview is done. Shake hands firmly if you interview in person.
- Whether you get this job or not, write them a thank you note, you never know when there will be another opening.

Campus Tours and Visit



We are planning our Spring campus visits.
Visit Aspire to get more information

What might you need to apply for scholarships?

1. Locate scholarships
 - High School Website

<http://hhs.hermiston.k12.or.us/students/college-career-center/scholarships/>

 - In the Counseling Center– file cabinet
 - On your school email
 - College websites (schools you have applied to)
 - You or your parent's place of work
 - You or your parent's bank
 - Your church
2. Letter(s) of recommendation
3. Official transcripts
4. Essay or short answers
5. SAT or ACT scores
6. Activities Chart
7. FAFSA student aid report (SAR)

Look the scholarship over carefully, giving yourself and others enough time to get you the information needed to apply; letter(s) of recommendation, transcripts and possible verification from your counselor.

Types of College Degrees

Training Certificates: Typically take less than 2 years.

- Community College and private training school, US Military, Union apprenticeships, Peace Corp, AmeriCorps, local internships (Pacific Northwest National Lab Richland, WA for minority students).

Examples: hairdresser/barber, massage therapist, certified nursing assistant, automotive mechanic, and welding professions.

Associate Degree: Generally take at least two years to complete if a student attends full time.

- Community College and private training schools.

Examples of degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of General Studies, Associate of Nursing, Associate of Business, and Associate Transfer Degree.

Bachelor's Degree: Ideally take four years to complete.

- Colleges and universities

Examples: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Business and Bachelor of Nursing.

Master's Degree: Advanced degree also known as a graduate degree, usually taking four to five years to complete.

- College and universities

Examples of degrees: M.A. Master of Arts, M.S. Master of Science, M.F.A. Master of Fine Arts, M.B.A. Master of Business Administration.

Advanced classes are exclusively in the field of study and require on the job training/ experience, internship, research paper or thesis.

Doctorate Degree: Highest level of academic degree, can last from two –ten years depending on the chosen field of study.

Specialized Training

1. US Military
2. Union Apprenticeships
3. Peace Corp or Americorp



!Q: I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

! Visit Mrs. Munro and let her know the answer and you will be entered into a drawing for a FREE drink from Java Dawg.