

Tips for the Job Fair

1. **Bring plenty of resumes.** Many local employers will be at the job fair, so you will want to have plenty of resumes.
2. **Dress appropriately.** Job seekers should dress for a job fair just like they would dress for an interview. A good rule of thumb is to dress better than you would for the job.
3. **Don't hesitate to approach a representative** or to join a group already in discussion.
4. **Feel free to take notes** during your conversations.
5. **Talk about your skills and accomplishments.** Employers come to this job fair to find people who can fill needs within their companies. Show what needs you can fill.
6. **Ask questions.** Inquire about the employers' industry, hiring preferences, positions available, and career opportunities.
7. **Gather information.** Employers will provide brochures and flyers about their companies.
8. **Use this opportunity to practice.** Very few people are comfortable with interviewing. A job fair is a great place to practice your people skills so that your next job interview will go more smoothly.
9. **Talk with other job hunters.** They often are aware of job openings that they are not interested in. These fellow job hunters can share this information with you.
10. **Show what a great person you are.** Thank the employer for the opportunity to learn about their company, even if you are not interested in a job with them. If you are interested in a job with a company, send them a note thanking them for the opportunity to meet with them. Be sure to get one of their business cards with their name and address.
11. **Look for opportunity.** Rather than looking for a current job opening, talk with employers about how their company operates and tie your skills to their needs. This could lead to a better job for you in the future.
12. **Prioritize.** Check the general layout of employers and note which employers interest you most. Then, visit as many others as you can.
13. **Remember, some representatives are here today to provide career related information, not to offer jobs.**