

Going to a Job Fair? These are Must-Haves



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Whether it's your first job fair or your fifth, it's important to be prepared. It's a waste of time to attend a job fair without proper preparation that makes you stand out as professional and serious. Recruiters and company representatives will remember a candidate who is enthusiastic about a job fair, not one who came across as uninterested.

You Must-Bring List for a Job Fair

If you're going to attend a job fair, take some time and prepare yourself with these must-haves.

Fresh Resumes

It might seem obvious to bring your resume. But more than just copies of a resume, you should prepare by tailoring your resume to the different types of jobs you're interested in applying to. Different industries or positions might look for particular details in the experience and work history you provide. Consider these factors, tailor your resume; and then bring several copies of each version to pass out to recruiters. And be sure to proofread your resume for typos, spelling, or grammatical errors.

A Confident Elevator Pitch

Before you arrive at the job fair, create and rehearse a little monologue about yourself, what strengths you offer and what you hope to gain in experience. Obviously, this may need some minor adjustments depending on who you talk to, but having a general idea of what you want to say will help you avoid awkward silence or even worse stammering. As you think about what to say, keep in mind it should be quick – no more than one minute. Ultimately, you want to have a conversation, not give a speech.

A List of Questions

When you are chatting with a company representative, it's easy to forget to ask some important questions. Before you leave for the job fair, make a list of things you'd like to know about a potential employer. Consider asking questions that pertain to the skills desired and basic information like wage or benefits offered.

Your Natural Self

It's good to be confident, yet comfortable and natural. The recruiters you talk to are aware you may be nervous, and they are often very approachable and friendly people. Just be yourself. They're there to find promising employees for their company, but also to help you find a job that fits your skills and experience.

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