

## The Interview

### Common interview questions

- Tell me about yourself.
- Why are you interested in this scholarship?
- What is your major weakness?
- Give an example of how you solved a problem in the past.
- What are your strengths?
- How do others describe you?
- Where do you see yourself in three years?
- Think about something you consider a failure in your life, and tell me why you think it happened.
- If you were hired, what ideas/talents could you contribute to the position or our company?
- Give an example where you showed leadership and initiative.
- Do you have any questions for me?

### Questions to Ask in the Interview

- What do you like best about the company?
- How would you describe the company's culture?
- Can you describe a typical workday?
- What are the most important skills of the person who does this job?
- What is the key thing someone does to be successful in this job?

## Resources

<http://www.thecultureshock.org/>

[OhioMeansJobs K-12](#)

[www.theyoungprofessionalist.com](http://www.theyoungprofessionalist.com)

[www.365daysofhappiness.org](http://www.365daysofhappiness.org)

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# Interview Tips

What should you say or do before, during, and after an interview? First impressions are lasting. Make it count!

Before: What should I do to prepare for an interview?

Research the company you are interviewing for. Few of us look past the company's homepage. How can you interview for a company in which you know nothing about?

## Research



There is a such thing as too much informational research. Some people feel the need to do a ton of research to prove how much they know about a company. In some instances, too much research comes across as if you're just reciting facts versus showing a genuine interest in the company.

## Craft your Story Statement.

A story statement shows that you're a person, not just a professional. Here are a few things to think about to craft your story statement:

- 1.) What is your purpose in life?
- 2.) How did your childhood influence you?
- 3.) Why does this job move you?

## Clean up your Social Media!

**77%**

According to the Society for Human Resource Management, 77% of employers now use social networking to recruit candidates.



Use of profanity, pictures of red solo cups, beer bottles & other suspicious objects could be a red-flag for employers.



Tom McGrath is the CEO of Social Sweepster; a tool that cleans up your social media by erasing all pictures and posts containing profanity or drug-related items or language.