

Tips for Asking for the Interview **By Nikol Green (ngstylevision@gmail.com)**

We live in a society where how people perceive you is almost everything. When going for a job, you have to make the employer feel like they need you, not the other way around. Many people have not gotten a call back for an interview because of how they dressed or what they said when going in to apply for the position.

Here are a few helpful hints to help properly ask for the job and, get the interview!

1. **Come in with a professional and polished resume.** If you don't know what one looks like, you can go on the computer and Google resumes on line.
2. **Do some research on where you are applying.** Just because you see a "Positions Available" sign doesn't mean that job is for you. Be honest with yourself and know what kind of company you are applying to. Employers love when you have some knowledge about their company before you get hired. It gives you an edge over the competition.
3. **Do not wear jeans to any interview or when going to fill out the application.** The sales associates might be wearing jeans, but almost certainly did not wear jeans on their interview. Being too casual gives the impression that you are too laid back and won't take the position seriously.
4. **If you love to "glam it up" with make-up, try not to wear loud colors to distract the interviewer.** Unless you are applying to work for a cosmetics company, keep the lip gloss and eye shadow subtle. A little lip gloss and mascara goes a long way. Never wear anything that is really tight or too baggy and falling off your rear end.
5. **It is better to come in and ask if they are hiring for a certain position like "Are you hiring for sales associates?"** Never say "You guys hiring?" Do not speak slang or use foul language while applying or interviewing. Be yourself, but on point. Remember to speak slowly and enunciate so everyone can understand you.
6. **Last, but not least, come in with a smile and positive attitude to every place you apply.** A smile and pleasant "hello" goes a long way in helping you project the right image.