FINDING A JOB WITH A LOW GPA

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Will I ever find a job with my low GPA?
Steve Jobs’ High School GPA: 2.65
Where do I Start?
Showcase Other Accomplishments

✔ Part-time jobs
✔ Internships/Co-Ops
✔ Class Projects you have excelled in
✔ Clubs/Organizations – JOIN NOW!
✔ Sports Participation
✔ Volunteer work – PARTICIPATE!
SPOTLIGHT

- Relevant Coursework
- Leadership Activities
- Skills
  - Computer Programs/Software
  - Specialized machinery or equipment
  - Foreign Languages
Begin Your Job Search

Employer Sponsored Events

Career Fair – February 19th!
Other Sources for Jobs

- Job boards
- Niche sites
- Networking
- Social Media
What Employers Want

NACE Job Outlook
1. Teamwork
2. Leadership
3. Communication Skills
4. Problem Solving Skills
5. Strong Work Ethic
6. Analytical Skills
7. Initiative
8. Technical Skills
9. Interpersonal Skills
10. Organizational Ability

Missouri S&T Employers
1. Communication Skills
2. Internship/Co-op Experience
3. GPA
4. Leadership
5. Attitude
6. Willingness to Learn
7. Company Fit
8. Technical Knowledge
9. Problem Solving Skills
10. Extracurricular Activities
• Research the employer before applying!
• Do a SWOT Analysis on yourself
• Most employers utilize behavioral interview questions
• Utilize key words
• Dress professionally
• Prepare 2-3 questions for the recruiter
• Have a nice portfolio/padfolio with you
Interviewing Taboos

- Arriving Late
- Not trying on suit – dressing inappropriately
- Talking negatively about past employers/professors
- Appearing disinterested in the job
- Not researching the company
- Not being prepared
- Not asking questions
- Talking too much – not focusing on questions being asked
- Discussing salary or benefits too soon
- Not sending a Thank You note
Be Prepared To Talk About your GPA!
Reminders.....

- Interview genuinely
- Adhere to schedules
- Don’t keep employers hanging
- Accept a job offer in good faith
- Withdraw from recruiting when job search is complete
- Write thank you notes!
Additional Student Services

Resume Reviews
Practice Interviews
Professional Development Workshops
Employer Sponsored Events
Free Suit Closet
Etiquette Dinner
Individual Advising Sessions
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Thank You!

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