

Biggest job hunting mistakes entry-level candidates make

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In today's competitive, constricted job market, don't let the job hunting process fool you. Because you have less experience finding and applying for open positions, you are more likely to make errors along the way than more senior professionals. What are some common entry-level mistakes, and how can you avoid them?

Mistake: "Showing up to an interview with no list of references and no letters of recommendation. Even entry-level candidates should have enough experience to come to an interview prepared with a list of three to five references and one or two letters of recommendation," said Lisa Quast, president and founder of Career Woman, Inc.

How to Avoid: "Seek out those with whom you've worked in the past, such as previous supervisors, the summer intern coordinator or the coordinator of the volunteers at a local charity. Ask for permission to use them as references and see if they are willing to write letters of recommendation for the work they've seen you accomplish," said Quast.

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