

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Would you tell me about yourself?

2. What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?

3. Would you tell me about your last/current job?

4. Why should I hire you instead of someone else?

5. Do you have any questions?

Thing about your Closing Statement/Passion Pitch & thank the employer for their time!

SAMPLE INTERVIEW Qs & ANSWERS

1. Tell me about yourself.

Remember your passion pitch? Make it a closing statement and use it here. Discuss your skills, work background, school or extracurricular.

Sample Response: *“I’m a hard worker and can juggle multiple things at once. During the week, I go to school, and participate in school government after school. On the weekends, I volunteer in my church choir and help babysit my younger siblings. I enjoy student government most because I’m the school treasurer and I get to learn how much money is on hand to host school events. We also coordinate other school functions to help raise money.”*

2. What would you say are your biggest strengths?

Say at least two or three things about yourself. You might say that you are responsible, organized, and /or dependable. Then state examples of each strength.

Sample Responses: *“I am responsible because I am punctual for school, I attend all of my classes, and I complete my homework and school projects on time.”*

“I am very organized at work as I am responsible for alphabetizing all client files. I have also learned to color code client files for easy access for staff.”

“I am responsible because in my previous job I was never late to work, I completed all of my job duties. such as inventory, cleanup work area, and I was able to juggle school and extra-curricular activities at the same time.”

3. What kind of work do you like to do?

Talk about the things you like to do when you are volunteering.

Sample Response: *“Since I haven’t had much work experience, I’m still exploring the different types of work. When I volunteer at church, I like to organize the songs I choose. I put book marks on the songs, I like to write page numbers on the easel for everyone to see, and I like to help set up the chairs before the choir comes in.”*

4. How would you be able to get to work every day?

It’s really best to let the employer know that you have several ways of getting to work (car, bus, etc.) Employers like the idea of public transportation besides your family/friends bringing you to work.

Sample Response: *“My parents usually drive me to places; however, I can also take public transportation to work if they are not around. Public transportation would not be an issue for me.”*

5. What would you say are your biggest weaknesses?

Sample Response: My biggest weakness is procrastination and I'm working on this. I use a calendar to help me prioritize what is needed to be completed by highest priority. I also...

6. Tell me about your last/current job?

Discuss past work experience and volunteer experience.

Sample Response: *"I haven't had much work experience except for volunteer experience that I've had with working with the church choir and coordinating school fundraisers. At my local church, I'm very prompt in attending choir practice and help the choir leader schedule practice, and help pick songs."*

7. Why should we hire you?

The best approach here is to state your skills, experience and enthusiasm about the job. Do not say that you're the best candidate. Tip: If you had a previous job that relates to the position that you are applying for, let the employer know that it would take less time in training you because you've had previous experience.

Sample Response: *"I appreciate the investment your company is preparing to make in me, and I look forward to learning what your company can teach me and how I can make an impact. My achievements in school & any after school activities show that I am responsible, trustworthy & a quick learner. I know that I can put these skills to good use working for you and your company."*

8. Do you have references? What would previous employer say about you?

It's great to have letters of recommendation and/or references to give to the employer. Talk to your previous employers, teachers, (in classes where you've done well), church leaders, or supervisors of volunteer work know that you're applying for jobs and ask if it's okay to list them as a reference. It helps to remind your references (if it's been a long time) about the work you did with them to refresh their memory.

Sample Response: *"Yes, I do have references and I can provide you with letters of recommendation. I worked as a teacher's assistant for about 2 years. My teacher would best describe me as organized, a team player, and responsible. I helped her file student assignments, organized the classroom, and stayed after school sometimes to get tutoring services from other students."*