

● Four Dozen Ways to Stay Unemployed ●

New York University lists the following reasons most frequently given by employers for turning down job applicants. This information is based on reports from 153 companies. If you're out to land a job, take an inventory of yourself in relations to these reasons. If you still have a stretch of schooling ahead, it will give you time to work on eliminating any of the following traits that may hinder you in your employment future.

As you read the reasons below for rejection, ask yourself, "How would I rate in relation to each?"

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poor personal appearance 2. Overbearing, overaggressive, conceited, superiority complex, a "know it all" 3. Inability to express themselves clearly, poor voice, diction, grammar 4. Lack of planning for career, no goals 5. Lack of interest and enthusiasm, indifferent 6. Lack of confidence and poise, nervous 7. Failure to participate in activities 8. Overemphasizes money, only interested in the best financial offer 9. Poor scholastic record, barely got by 10. Unwilling to start at the bottom, expects too much too soon 11. Makes excuses, evasive, hedges on unfavorable factors in record 12. Lack of tact 13. Lack of maturity 14. Lack of courtesy, ill-mannered 15. Condemnation of past employers 16. Lack of social understanding 17. Marked dislike for schoolwork 18. Lack of vitality 19. Fails to make eye contact with interviewer 20. Limp, fishy handshake 21. Indecision 22. Unhappy married life 23. Friction with parents | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24. Sloppy application, left blanks 25. Merely shopping around 26. Wants only short-term employment 27. Little sense of humor 28. Lack of knowledge in field of specialization 29. parents make decisions for him/her 30. No interest in company or in industry 31. Emphasis on who they know 32. Unwillingness to relocate for job 33. Cynical 34. Low moral standards 35. Lazy 36. Intolerant, strong prejudices 37. Narrow interests 38. Handles personal finances poorly 39. No interest in community or related activities 40. Inability to take criticism 41. Doesn't appreciate the value of experience 42. Radical ideas 43. Arrives late to interview without calling ahead or without a valid excuse. 44. Never heard of the company 45. Failure to express appreciation for the interviewer's time 46. Fails to ask questions about the potential job 47. High-pressure type 48. Gives indefinite responses to questions |
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