

Resumé Writing Outline

Type of position I am applying for: _____

Contact Information:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street address (including city, state, zip code)• P.O. box (including city, state, zip)• Home telephone number (with area code)• Cell phone number (with area code)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Message phone number (with area code)• Job-search email address (no sex, profanity, etc.)• Webpage/LinkedIn account
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Summary Statement:

Job title:	Degrees/certifications/licenses:
Important skills:	Language skills:
Industry:	Management style:
Years of experience:	Accomplishments:
Summary Statement: _____	

Skills Summary:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List skills that most relate to the job target• Easy-to-read format (i.e., columns)• Include 9–15 skills:		
1.	6.	11.
2.	7.	12.
3.	8.	13.
4.	9.	14.
5.	10.	15.

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Experience:

- Full- or part-time employment
- Paid or unpaid internships
- Volunteer work
- Temporary positions

Job title: _____ Employer or organization: _____

Location (city/state): _____ Dates: _____

Duties and accomplishments (don't forget to add action verbs and numbers):

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Education:

- Formal education
- Military training
- Specialized training
- Certifications
- On-the-job training
- Continuing Education
- Licenses
- In-service classes
- Workshops

Training type: _____ Field of study: _____

Institution or location: _____ Dates: _____

GPA: _____

Courses and accomplishments:

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Other Sections:

Licenses:	
Affiliations:	
Volunteer Experience:	
Honors, Awards and Recognition:	
Professional Development:	
Personal Endorsements:	

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Resumé Formatting Guidelines

Your resumé should:

- Be one or two full pages in length (not one and a half)
- Be easy to read
- Use phrases instead of sentences
- Use lists instead of paragraphs
- Prioritize the most important information first
- Make good use of white space by having three-quarters-of-an-inch to one-inch margins
- Use size 11–12 point font
- Be written in Arial or Times New Roman
- Use bullets, underline, bold and italics conservatively
- Contain no errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Maximize visual impact to reflect your professionalism
- Be printed on high-quality bond paper that is white, off-white or gray

Content Guidelines

An average resumé tells what you did on the job; a great resumé tells *how well you did it!*

Your resumé should:

- Use “action” verbs
- Quantify your results: use #s, %s, \$ amounts, state positive results and show money saved, time spent or projects completed
- Not contain personal pronouns (you, I, my, we, they, etc.)
- Use accepted terminology and avoid jargon and abbreviations
- Include job titles, company names, cities, states and dates of employment
- Not include supervisor’s name, company mailing address, salary or references
- Omit “References Available Upon Request”
- Be tailored to meet the employer’s expectations: generic resúmes are not effective