# Skills and Abilities: **Honors and Awards: Leadership Activities:**

### The Actual Interview:

- Be prompt.
- Unless the interviewer uses your name, introduce yourself politely.
- Shake hands firmly, but briefly.
- Answer questions directly and truthfully.
- Be courteous, professional, and cooperative.
- Ask questions, and show enthusiasm.
- Thank the interviewer(s) for their time.

### **Questions to Expect**

- 1. Tell me about yourself.
- 2. Why are you the best candidate for the job?
- 3. Why are you interested in this job?
- 4. What are your greatest strengths? Weaknesses?
- 5. How has your education/training prepared you for this job?
- 6. What would your teachers, former employers, or references say about you?
- 7. Do you understand that you may be subject to a drug test and background check if you are hired?
- 8. When are you available to work?

### **Questions to Ask**

- 1. Would you describe a typical work day?
- 2. Can this job lead to other positions in the company?
- 3. What skills are most important in this position?
- 4. If hired, would I report directly to you, or someone else?
- 5. Do you provide training opportunities?
- 6. When can I expect to hear from you?
- 7. Can I contact you by phone or e-mail?

### Follow-Up

Write a thank you letter within 24 hours of the interview.

## The pocket survival tool for job applications and interviews

### Preparing for the job interview

- Fill in this pocket resume
- Learn something about the company
- Have a specific job in mind
- Review your qualifications for the job
- Practice answering likely interview questions
- Have social security number and drivers license number when applying

### **Appearance**

- Neat and clean grooming
- Appropriate clothing
- Make-up in good taste

### What to take with you

- This pocket resume
- Small pad and pen
- Samples of your own work

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