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Improve Your Next Job Application

Choose a suitable role, match it to your evidence, and submit a clear application without rewriting your entire career history.

What you will prepare: A considered application with relevant evidence, accurate details, and a clear follow-up record.

If time is limited: Complete steps 1, 2, and 5. Improve the part of your resume most relevant to the central responsibilities instead of rewriting everything.

[ ] 1. Make an application decision from the actual requirements

Check the location, schedule, essential qualifications, and central responsibilities. Separate requirements from preferences. If a material condition is unclear, write the exact question you need answered. An attractive title alone is not enough to establish fit.

Ready to move on: You can explain why this role is worth pursuing, or why another opportunity deserves your time.

Should You Apply? How to Read a Job Description:
https://jobcoach.cc/journal/read-job-description/

My notes:

[ ] 2. Match three responsibilities to real evidence

For each central responsibility, find a project, decision, or result you can discuss truthfully. Include relevant school, volunteer, or personal work when appropriate, while labeling the setting accurately. Keep gaps visible so you know what still needs explanation.

Ready to move on: You have three responsibility-to-evidence matches and a short list of genuine gaps.

How to Identify Transferable Skills With Real Examples:
https://jobcoach.cc/journal/transferable-skills-examples/

My notes:

[ ] 3. Make the relevant experience easy to find

Adjust the summary and selected experience bullets so a reader can connect your work with this role. Use the employer's terminology where it accurately describes your experience. Keep job titles, dates, credentials, and results factual. Follow the requested file format.

Ready to move on: Your most relevant evidence is visible, and every statement is something you can support.

How to Tailor Your Resume Without Rewriting It Every Time:
https://jobcoach.cc/journal/tailor-resume-efficiently/

PDF or Word Resume? Follow the Application Requirements:
https://jobcoach.cc/journal/pdf-or-word-resume/

My notes:

[ ] 4. Answer the employer's actual questions

Read the application instructions. If a cover letter or short answer is requested, connect one specific reason for your interest with a useful example. A small work sample can help where relevant, but do not create a large unpaid project just to add another attachment.

Ready to move on: Required answers are complete and add relevant context rather than repeating the resume.

How to Build a Portfolio Without Design Work or Client Projects:
https://jobcoach.cc/journal/portfolio-without-client-projects/

My notes:

[ ] 5. Check the submission and record the next step

Review the employer name, role, contact details, attachment, access permissions, and any required fields. Submit through the employer's stated process. Record the role, date, source, document version, and any follow-up instructions you were actually given.

Ready to move on: You know what you submitted and what, if anything, you should do next.

How to Organize Job Applications Without Spending All Day Tracking Them:
https://jobcoach.cc/journal/organize-job-applications/

My notes:

AI practice prompt

Compare this job description with my actual experience: [job description and experience]. Identify the three most important responsibilities, the evidence I can use, and gaps or uncertainties. Suggest concise resume edits without inventing achievements, changing my job titles, or adding skills I cannot demonstrate. Explain which changes matter most.

Next step: Review one completed application for clarity and accuracy, then use what you learned on the next suitable role.

https://jobcoach.cc/prompts/tailor-resume/

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