



Job Questionnaire

To help you think about what kind of career you would like to pursue, it is useful to identify what you want and what you do not want in a career. The following questions can help you limit your job search and it can provide you with some questions to ask prospective employers.

1. Workplace environment.

___ I want to work with people.

___ I want to work independently.

___ I want to work as part of a team.

___ I want to work inside.

___ I want to work outside.

___ I want to work outside and inside (specify how much time you want in each context)

___ I want to work with _____ age group (could be all).

___ I want to work and live in an urban environment.

___ I want to work and live in a rural environment.

___ I want to work with urban/rural/disadvantaged/handicapped/ behavioral problem/other

_____ or none of the above.

2. Interests and Job Skills.

___research

___writing

___publicity

___science

___lobbying

___environmental issues

___education/teaching

___work in the outdoors

___work with my hands

___politics

___fund raising

___law

___management

___computer/technical skills (specify _____)

3. Check those skills you have or would like to develop.

___writing skills

___research skills

___public speaking skills

___teaching skills

___outdoor skills (backpacking, canoeing etc.)

___environmental education skills (knowledge of biology, ecology)

___fund raising skills

___managing people

4. Lifestyle questions.

_____ I want to live near the wilderness.

_____ I want/don't want to have a house/apartment.

_____ I only want to work 40 hours per week.

_____ I am willing to work more than 40 hours/week.

_____ I want flexible work hours.

_____ I want/need to make \$_____ per year.

5. Serious Thinking

Write down all of the things you enjoy doing and are passionate about. Write down what your ideal job would be if you were to wave a magic wand. In 20 years, what would define success for you? If you don't know what that is, write down what would make your current context more personally meaningful. Talk to people who know you about what your strengths and weaknesses are. Sometimes friends know you better than you realize. Use this information to narrow down your focus for a job. It is easier to find a job when you limit your criteria to something that is more specific (just like an internet search).