

INTERVIEW GUIDELINES

- 1. Start and end with "Thank You"
- 2. Conduct extensive research on the company and its management team.
- 3. Completely internalize the job description.
- Bring a positive attitude, smile and energy to every interview.
- 5. Look up the Top 50 Interview questions by discipline at www.DirectSalesExperts.com
- 6. Always be on time and log in 3-5 minutes before the call starts.
- 7. Listen intently to each question and answer succinctly.
- 8. Always send a "Thank You" note.
- Dress appropriately for the position and have a professional background behind you.
- 10. Always have 3 questions to ask the company.

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- **11.** Have a glass of water nearby.
- **12.** Never get distracted during the interview.
- 13. Use powerful words to describe your accomplishments.
- **14.** Always weave facts into your personal stories of accomplishment.
- **15.** Practice, Practice, Practice
- **16.** When asked a tough question always acknowledge by saying: Now, that's a great question, here is my answer. (It will give you time to think)
- 17. Have your resume in front of you for easy reference and date checking.
- 18. Mentally, count to 3 before answering each question.
- 19. Edify your Executive Search Consultant.
- **20.** Never say negative things about your previous company or boss.

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- 21. Come prepared to talk about where you were at on the Organizational Chart at each company.
- 22. In describing accomplishments be sure to point out your role and responsibilities in the project.
- 23. Keep answers short and to the point, don't over share to much information.
- **24.** Make sure to properly explain the answer to each question.
- **25.** Know your numbers and use them to sell yourself.
- 26. Before each call ask your search consultant for any new insights or feedback.
- **27.** Be conservative in forecasting potential results.
- 28. Check you lighting, be well lit and eliminate shadows.
- 29. Never conduct an interview from a cell phone.
- **30.** Customize your answers to the job description.

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- **31.** Read their policies and procedures.
- **32.** Read and understand their Compensation Plan.
- **33.** Look up key executives and know their backgrounds.
- **34.** Look up reviews on Glass Door.
- **35.** Be prepared to explain why you left each company.
- **36.** Know your social media footprint and your numbers.
- **37.** If possible, try out the company's products.
- **38.** Know your key selling points.
- **39.** Be prepared to talk about your key strengths and weaknesses.
- **40.** Know the last 5 books you've read.

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- **41.** Remember this is a sale, you are selling yourself, don't be shy.
- 42. Be prepared to explain "Why" you're interested in the company and position.
- **43.** Figure out how to get on their side early in the interview.
- **44.** Be confident and assertive while being professional.
- **45.** Do not use industry slang words.
- **46.** Know the latest FTC/FDA rulings.
- 47. Be prepared to explain how you handled any legal issues at previous companies.
- 48. Be prepared to talk about the process of "Change Management" and how you have addressed.
- 49. How have you handled "Compensation Plan" adjustments and describe the process.
- **50.** Close on a positive note, say "Thank You" and express your sincere interest in the company and position.

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