

# careers & salaries

ESTIMATED STARTING SALARIES



Accountant	\$40,293
Architect	\$52,510
Chemist	\$33,500
College Professor	\$58,400
Computer Programmer	\$48,602
Construction Manager	\$46,138
Dental Hygienist	\$31,790
Dentist	\$129,030
Economist	\$40,577
Electrician	\$35,096
Electrical Engineer	\$51,910
Executive/MBA	\$61,160
Financial Analyst	\$48,370
General Physician	\$140,000
Graphic Designer	\$36,500



Graphic designers start at \$36,500. Musicians start at a salary of \$36,740. A physician's average starting salary is about \$140,000.



Human Resources Manager	\$31,963
Information Systems Manager	\$45,182
Journalist	\$29,110
Lawyer	\$51,900
Marketing/Sales Representative	\$35,374
Musician	\$36,740
Nurse	\$44,840
Paramedic (EMT)	\$28,401
Personal Financial Advisor	\$56,420
Physical Therapist Assistant	\$21,285
Public Relations Specialist	\$39,580
Social Worker	\$31,470
Software Designer	\$53,924
Teacher	\$27,989
Writer/Editor	\$39,370

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**ZACH BRAFF**  
(Actor/Director)  
earned a Bachelor of Arts in film from Northwestern University, Illinois. Braff, who starred in *Garden State* (2004) was his directorial debut. He is currently on the hit NBC show, *Scrubs*.



**LAUREN GRAHAM**  
(Actress)  
earned a bachelor's degree in English from Barnard College/Columbia University, New York, and a master's degree in acting from Southern Methodist University, Texas. She has several upcoming movies for 2005-06.



**JAMIE FOXX**  
(Actor/Comedian)  
studied classical piano at Juilliard, New York. Foxx is one of only a few actors to win the quadruple award crown—Golden Globe, the Screen Actors Guild award, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts award, and the Oscar.

## HUH?

### TIPS FOR THE INTERVIEW

It's not just what you say, but how you say it that can help you get the job you want. Using correct grammar and speaking clearly makes a good impression with interviewers. A person who speaks correctly is often perceived to be more intelligent than someone who does not — regardless of how smart a person actually is! Here are some tips that can help you make sure your speech accurately reflects your intelligence:

- **Watch** local or national television news programs. News anchors have excellent communication skills. Listen to the words they use and how they pronounce them and repeat what they say — you'll not only be improving your speech, you'll probably remember more of what's going on in the world!
- **Read** — reading helps improve your vocabulary and how you structure the sentences you speak. Read aloud when you can — involving your sense of sight with your sense of hearing is twice as beneficial (and if you see a word that is unfamiliar to you, write it down and look up its meaning in the dictionary or on your PC).
- **Ask** your English teacher for any suggestions he or she is aware of that can make your speech more effective.
- **Prepare** for a practice interview by writing down questions an interviewer might ask and then your answers. Have a teacher or a friend who does well in English class review your answers for possible speaking improvements. Finally, practice your answers in front of a mirror or videotape yourself.

# 12 STEPS

## To A Successful Interview



- 1** Dress appropriately for the interview. Be clean and neat. Smile!
- 2** Give a firm, confident handshake to the interviewer (even if your palms are sweaty).
- 3** Look the interviewer in the eye as you talk. Do not look away or gaze out the window. Give the interviewer your undivided attention.
- 4** Prepare. Find information on the company. Check out its Web site; pick up a copy of its brochure; ask an employee what products and services the company offers. Then, ask a friend or relative to help with a practice interview.
- 5** Take a resumé and three letters of reference with you to the interview. Give them to the interviewer.
- 6** Answer questions briefly and honestly. Speak clearly and confidently. Now is not the time to be timid.
- 7** State exactly what you are interested in doing and why you think you are qualified to do the job.
- 8** After you have answered the interviewer's questions, it is your turn to ask questions about the job for which you are applying.
- 9** When the interview is over, stand up and again shake hands with the interviewer. Tell him or her that you enjoyed the visit and that you look forward to the possibility of being able to join the company.
- 10** Before you leave, make certain that you understand what is supposed to happen next. Ask the interviewer by what date he or she expects a decision will have been made. Offer to follow up with a phone call in a few days or a week.
- 11** Smile as you leave.
- 12** Write the interviewer a brief thank-you note as soon as you get home. Mail it the same day.



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