

Using Your Strengths to Achieve Success: Futuristic

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Applying to Academics

General Academic Life

- Take risks to gain new insights, even if they are out of your comfort zone. Set academic goals to project yourself into a successful future.
- Challenge your professors with your “What if?” thinking. Encourage them to project beyond to what “might be” in 10, 15, or 20 years.
- Know what is expected in each of your classes so you will be able to plan your college years. Visit your academic counselor regularly to keep stretching your thoughts.

Study Techniques

- Try to truly understand what you're studying; don't just memorize. Always relate what you're studying to where you see yourself in the future.
- Write a description of your desired future, and post it where you will notice it frequently. Look at it often, and connect what you are learning to where you want to go.
- Take exams seriously and prepare thoroughly. Treat them as steps toward your future.

Relationships

- Talk about your goals and dreams with your friends, family, and professors. Their awareness of your objective will be a motivator.
- Surround yourself with people who will be instrumental in attaining your aspirations. Form strong relationships that can last a long time.

Extracurricular Activities

- Join a committee that has a forward-thinking leader who can stretch you beyond day-to-day events.

Applying to Major/Career Path

- Talk to architects, designers, commercial artists, city planners, and others whose careers provide the opportunity to envision the future. Ask them what they most enjoy about their work.

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Apply to Job Search

In the Job Search

- Your futuristic helps you be inspired by the job search and excitement of what can be. You can picture the new position and how it would impact yourself and your family. When writing cover letters you are excellent at applying past experience to the opportunity.
- Search for careers that allow you to help the organization plan and conceptualize new ideas and strategies. You can be a big part of new innovations both in the near future and well down the road.
- Tips: A functional resume may be a good option because it focuses on skills sets rather than previous experience. Focus on your transferable skills and how they will be valuable to an employer.

In the Interview

- You can highlight your ability to see how the present impacts the future and how you can create goals to help the organization's progress and outlook.

- In the job interviews you are good at imagining and explaining what you will do in the potential job.
- Tips: Word phrases as "I will" or "I imagine." This will show off your strength, however don't forget to also focus on how your experiences in the past will make you a good candidate.

Apply to Careers

In the New Position

- Your futuristic will help you inspire others to think ways to be innovative and not be complacent. Try to find out from seasoned employees as much as you can about the company's past tactics so you can best craft approaches that haven't already been tried.
- Remember to follow through with your strategy or plan that will make your imagined future achievable.