

Resume Checklist

	Format
•	Applicant Tracking System friendly (no templates, charts, special formatting, or color)
•	Easy to scan and read left to right and top to bottom (keep it 1 page with narrow margins)
•	Section headings are bold or in all caps; font size is at least 10 (recommended fonts: Times New Roman, Arial, or Open Sans)
•	Each section is in reverse chronological order with all dates right justified
•	Consistent use of periods, date formatting, and spacing
•	No spelling or grammar errors
	Name/Contact Info
•	Name should stand out by being center justified; font size is at least 14
•	Phone number and email address are separated with a symbol (ex: • or - or) and easy to read
•	Optional: LinkedIn Profile should be listed with a shortened URL; LinkedIn content should match resume
	Summary of qualifications
•	Concise summary of your top skills and abilities

	Volunteer Experience
•	Lists at least 2-3 bullets that describe skills (not tasks): Describe WHAT you did, HOW you did it, and the OUTCOME
•	Outline experience in bullets; use action verbs at the beginning of each bullet (remember to use present tense for a current position and past tense for former positions)
•	Lists position title (bold), organization (bold/italics), City, State, start/end dates right justified - Start from your most recent job first - Organization Name/Location - How long did you work there? (EX. January XXXX - June XXXX)
	Professional Experience
•	List different licenses and certifications, if applicable (ex. American Heart Association CPR, expires 10/6/2025)
	Licenses and/or Certifications
•	Degree, Title, and Major (bold), City, State (not in bold) - Anticipated graduation date aligned right - Honors, athletics, or relevant project (high school information is not necessary unless you have minimal job experience or haven't graduated college)
	Education
•	Each bullet should be supported by data or evidence in the sections below (Education, Licenses and/or Certifications, Professional Experience, and Volunteer Experience)
•	Bullets (4-6 are recommended) that describe your abilities and are customized for the job posting

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 Clubs
 Associations
 Volunteer organizations

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