

3 Tips to Stay Strong in the Job Search

Here are JobHat's top three tips and pieces of advice to help you stay motivated and positive during the job search.

1. STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

While the job search is definitely a solitary pursuit, the old adage "strength in numbers" definitely holds true. You don't have to look too far for a leg-up, some advice, or a little help – it's likely closer and more readily available than you think.

There are many ways to put your network and community to good use when you're in pursuit of a new job. Spark up a conversation with fellow shoppers at the grocery store; tune into your local radio station and listen for upcoming happenings; like/follow the town's social media account for announcements on meetings, workshops or conferences. Grab a cup of coffee with a friend or acquaintance – they may have some interesting connections, ideas, or leads.

2. ROUTINE IS GOOD, FLEXIBILITY IS BETTER

Recent research revealed Tuesdays at 11:00AM to be the best time to apply to jobs. So if you've settled into the habit of making the morning prime-time to fire off applications and send out emails, try switching it up. Minor tweaks to your routine every now and then have a re-centering effect and can help you forge new pathways to success.

3. REFLECT, REORGANIZE, RETOOL

Has it been a while since you've heard back from a hiring manager or landed an interview? Take a step back and rework some of the bigger elements, like your resume, cover letter and introductory email. Send out your application to jobs and companies you've already applied to, taking time to note the addition of new skills and experiences.

Use these tips and pieces of advice to help shake things up and try something different. The bottom line is that a breath of fresh air into the job search is useful and productive!