

Navigating the Hiring Process

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WiFM Commercial Script

1 I have years of experience in
(in target job function in target industry performing a key related job task)
2 In that time I was able to
(most impressive 1-2 examples of what you've done-be quantifiable)
My
(Boss, first name/job title colleagues)
3 would tell you that I am
(most relevant traits of what people you've worked with would say about you)
4 because I
(second most relevant and impressive thing you've done)

Get Recommended Script

Dear,
l am starting a new career search, so I am updating my
LinkedIn profile page to have as much impact as possible. I
have always respected you as a mentor and a professional, and
your recommendation on my profile would be very meaningful.
In particular, I am trying to highlight or prove that I
(key accomplishment)
because as you'll recall that resulted in
,

(quantifiable profit, savings or productivity contribution for the company).

I hope that you will consider leaving me a short recommendation. It would mean a lot to me, and if there is ever anything I can do for you, please let me know.



First Call to Confirm a Reference

It is great speaking with you again. I was just thinking how much I appreciated you as a mentor. I am preparing for a career change and I was wondering if you would feel comfortable recommending me to another employer.....(wait for response). Thank you so much. I will let you know before I provide your contact information to anyone, but generally which daytime phone number and email address would be best? I know they will ask me to provide your current title and company. May I confirm that _______. Great. I really appreciate this. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Follow-up Call
About a
Target Company

My career search is starting to	o produce some re	esults. I am
applying for a job at		
and they have asked for refer	ences. Are you go	ing to be around
in the next few days or is ther	e anything I shoul	d let them know
about the best time or metho	d to get in touch i	with you? Thank
you. They are looking for som	nebody who:	
and as you recall I	and	when
we worked together from	to _	(date)
at(com	pany)	·



Asking for a Referral

It has been a while since,
(reminder of how you know each other) so I just wanted to check in and see how you were doing. Things
are great with me. I am actually really excited. I am preparing
for a career change and looking forward to discovering my next
opportunity. If you happen to know anybody who needs
or somebody who can
(primary skills) you would
really be helping me out. I am especially targeting companies
like So if you know
(target company) anybody in that company or any other companies that also offer
please let me know.
(top priority) Just as a reminder about my career. (use WIFM commercial speech)
I'd really appreciate any advice or assistance you could give, and
if I can ever help you in any way, please let me know.

Confirm an Email Address I'm supposed to email some important documents to Jill Smith, but the email is being returned to me. Is her address jsmith@company.com or do I have that wrong? Great. Do you have her extension by any chance?



Sample Target Employer Email

A	My research tells me that
	could be a good fit for my background because I see an opportunity to make a contribution to your
B	(state a learned or expected need for your skills).
((Insert ₩FM commercial speech from Page 9)

D I am going to be networking in your area next week and hoped you could be available for a brief introduction. Your time is valuable and I would focus on our introduction being a good use of <u>your</u> time. Would next week be reasonable or would a time to speak with me briefly on the phone work better?

Sample First Voicemail

Good morning (Ms. Mr.)	, this is
to follow up on an email I calling because I learned that your company does	
(something you can contribute or be relevant to)	and I believe
I can contribute based on past experience. Let me	explain:
(Insert WIFM commercial speech from Page 9.)	



Thank You Note

Dear,
Thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. I enjoyed
learning more about
As you described the position and I developed a stronger
sense of the company's culture, I grew increasingly excited
because it felt like such an amazing fit. I am looking forward to
our next opportunity to speak.

Thank you,







Sample Target Employer Email

mank you for your time and imformation about the position	JII OI
What I learned is that you need someone who can	
After taking some notes after our meeting, I can confiden	tly match
myself to your team and the position because I have	
and in past performance reviews/or award earned my bos	ss stated
that I was appreciated for my	
(traits)	

The reason I am even more interested in the position with your team is because I would have the opportunity to work under your mentorship and with your team.

As I mentioned earlier, I work hard every day, and take pride in doing things to exceed expectations. I would like to be a contributing employee at your company and I hope you will offer me this job. May I answer any questions or can we speak again soon?

Sample First Voicemail

[Mr. Ms.)
(name)
Гhis is
During our interview for the(position/title)
oosition, you mentioned that you expected to be scheduling a second
round of interviews at about this time, so I wanted to check in to see if
could answer any lingering questions for you or schedule that follow-
up interview. I am still very excited about the position. I've been doing
some more research about
,
and I discovered
(key fact from your research)
which reconfirms my belief that I would greatly enjoy being a very
successful and contributing employee for you, because
Please call me back so that I may answer your remaining
(job match)

questions about the measurable contributions I can make on your team.