

# Dress tips for Interviews and Career Fairs - Men

## Men

- Long sleeved dress shirt (even in summer) in white or light blue
- Two-piece business suit (solid dark blue, gray or other dark color is best)
- Dark socks, mid-calf length; avoid light colored socks with a dark suit
- Business style leather shoes (lace-up or slip-on) polished and buffed
- A watch and possibly a ring are the only pieces of jewelry you should wear. No earrings (if you normally wear one, take it out)
- Match shoe and belt color; don't mix black and brown
- Briefcase or portfolio
- Make sure your tie, when knotted, comes to the middle of your belt buckle

## General professional attire

### Dos for men

- Always wear a tie
- Shoes that are polished
- Belts that properly match the shoes
- Facial hair should be neat and clean
- Shirts that are loosely fitting
- Pants that fit comfortably with or without a crease

### Don'ts for men

- Ties which include cartoon characters or inappropriate pictures
- Excessive jewelry
- Belts that have large buckles
- Scuffed or worn shoes
- Shoes without socks



## CAREER FAIR

*Dress tips for Interviews and Job Fairs – Men cont'd***Men and women**

- Two piece matched suit is always the best and safest choice
- Everything should be clean and well pressed
- Keep jewelry to a minimum
- No visible body art. Cover tattoos with clothing if possible
- Breath mints—use one before greeting the interviewer/employer representative
- No gum, candy, or cigarettes
- Use perfume/colognes sparingly
- Visible body piercing, including nose, eyebrow, or multiple earrings in one ear
- Baggy, sloppy, tight, or ripped clothing
- Athletic wear such as sweats, T-shirts, or sneakers
- Excessive perfume, cologne, or after-shave

**Additional tips**

- Clothing should always be neat (pressed and clean) and professional
- It is best to be overdressed instead of underdressed
- Do not neglect personal hygiene
- Overall look should look professional and clean
- Hair should be clean, trimmed, and combed or styled
- Fingernails should be neat, clean, and trimmed
- Teeth should be clean
- Perfumes and colognes should be applied sparingly

