

World of Skills Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ's

Q: When is the World of Skills?

A: Thursday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, The Hotel Ithaca, 222. S. Cayuga Street, Ithaca.

Q: What is it?

A: Many employers will be there. The employers can talk briefly. Each will have information about jobs with their company. Some will have applications or will encourage you to apply online. Talk to as many employers as you'd like. It's free, open to the public; no registration is required.

Q: Is it overwhelming?

A: The World of Skills is well attended. If crowds are a problem, come later but before 11:30. The hotel lobby is available for relaxing.

Q: How should I dress?

A: Dress business casual; dress nicely, as if it's a job interview – first impressions matter.

Q: Can I bring my children?

A: Please find someone to take care of your children; it is better not to bring children.

Q: Should I bring copies of my resume?

A: Bring copies of your resume to give to employers. We collect resumes and compile them for attending employers. You are not required to bring a resume.

Q: How should I approach employers?

A: Smile, make eye contact; be friendly. Offer employers your resume. Tell employers your job interests. Say something positive about your abilities and skills.

Q: What other resources will be offered at the fair?

A: Tompkins Workforce New York, ACCES-VR, Tompkins County Department of Social Services and Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: <http://tompkinscountyny.gov/wfny> or Finger Lakes Independence Center, 272-2433.

Other information:

Prepare for the job fair by taking advantage of a prep session: Monday, April 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Tompkins County Workforce NY Career Center, Center Ithaca, the Commons; to register for this prep session contact the Career Center, 272-7570. To request an accommodation for a disability or to request an American Sign Language Interpreter to attend the prep session, contact Larry Roberts at the Finger Lakes Independence Center by 5:00 pm., Thursday, April 17 by 5:00 p.m. to request an accommodation for a disability or to request an American Sign Language Interpreter to attend the job fair, contact Larry Roberts by Monday, April 21, by 5:00 p.m.