

# How to Find a Forestry Job

You need to be working on a degree in forestry. But what do you do then?

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## Here's How:

- Be working on a bachelor's or technical degree in forestry.
- Decide in what area of forestry you want to work (state, federal, industry, consulting, academic).
- Start your search in your senior (last) year by studying the employment market and how to find a job.
- Contact foresters about the job market. Face to face contact is important.
- Attend as many on-campus interview sessions as possible.
- Keep up to date on current forestry issues and policy; read *The Journal of Forestry* monthly.
- Review the Society of American Foresters employment referral service each month for leads.
- Find the most recent directory of your state, federal, and industrial forestry organizations.
- Call these organizations, ask for a job application, and apply for a job.
- Prepare a resume to include your background and other info that would capture the attention of the reader.
- Research what a potential employer does and where he operates before any interview.
- Continue to contact your college or university's placement office for any new job listings.
- Be aggressive and do not give up the job search.
- Attend every interview and be concise with your answers.
- Maintain eye contact at the interview

## Tips:

- Try to find summer forestry employment, even if you are not paid!
- Develop your communication skills by taking extra writing and speech courses
- Involve yourself in student forestry organizations that develop your leadership skills.