



Post Interview 'Thank You' Notes – Are They Necessary?

You have just completed an interview, and in your opinion, you have done well. You start debating in your mind whether or not you should send a 'thank you' note. Should you? Definitely. It is very important to send a note and here are the reasons why you should do it:

1. **You Will Stand Out among the Other Candidates:** Most candidates do not send 'thank you' notes. Some because they think it is not really important, some because they feel shy about it, and some because they do not know what to write in it. It is important that you write because it will remind the interviewing panel members of your name. When you send the note, it will make the persons who interviewed you think about you again. Many will take out your CV and look over it again.
2. **Use it as an Opportunity to Reiterate Your Fit to the Vacancy** - The 'thank you' note will be able to reiterate politely and subtly your fit to the vacancy and company. This will give you an extra edge over the other candidates who would - more often than not - send only their CVs.

This is an excellent opportunity to once again highlight your best skills, achievements, qualities and qualifications as a gentle reminder.

3. **It Will Help You Build a Rapport with the Interviewer** - The interviewer, who has interviewed scores of people, will not remember anyone in particular unless he/she stands out in any particular way. The 'thank you' note is one way to make you stand out. It will also ensure that there is a rapport built between the interviewer and you - as everyone, with no exception, likes to be appreciated.

This is why it is important that the note be hand-written - though an email would do as well - and very aptly worded. Forget the generic type of thank-you. Thank the interviewer by name, in a most genuine fashion. If you can recall something that is particularly nice about the person, say so. Otherwise, just thank him/her for the time offered and mention that you look forward to hearing from them in the near future.

4. **It Shows that You Care** - The 'thank you' note indicates clearly that you care so much for the job that you do not mind taking the trouble to write a special note of thanks to each one of the members of the interviewing panel. This is something every recruiter wants, i.e. a person who cares enough to go the extra mile.



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