You Have an Interview—Now What?

Dress appropriately
• No too-tight or too-baggy clothes
• No big or flamboyant jewelry
• No tattoos showing
• Limited makeup for women
• Pressed clothes and clean shoes

Use good hygiene
• Clean nails, hands, and body
• Well-groomed hair, no radical styles or cuts
• Brushed teeth, fresh breath

Respect the schedule
• Arrive a few minutes early.
• Clear your calendar so you don't have to rush.
• Be patient if you have to wait.
• Take the interviewer's hint to leave when an interview is finished.

Show you're a grownup
• Go on your own—no mom, dad, buddy, girlfriend, or boyfriend.
• Shake hands with the interviewer when you arrive and leave.
• Demonstrate outward confidence, even if you're shaking on the inside.
• Present yourself as a mature, responsible candidate for employment.

Demonstrate good manners
• Wait to sit until the interviewer offers you a seat.
• Use good posture, no slumping.
• Send a thank you note, either by email or paper.