Wearing appropriate attire is part of the job, graduate/professional school or scholarship interview. It is an opportunity to make a positive first impression. Attire can help make or break the position or opportunity you’ve worked so hard to secure. The following is a set of best practices to help ensure you dress and present yourself appropriately and professionally at your next interview.

### Hair & Grooming
Keep it simple. Conservative hairstyles are preferred; avoid thick gels or hair products. Facial hair should be groomed.

### Make-up, Nail polish, & Fragrance
Use make-up sparingly. Nail polish and make-up colors should be kept conservative. No perfume; use deodorant no scent. American norms of personal hygiene are anticipated and appreciated in U.S. culture.

### Jewelry & Accessories
Jewelry should be kept at a minimum. Necklaces should sit high on the neckline. Avoid gaudy jewelry. A watch is appropriate for an interview.

### Coats, Jackets, & Suits
Coordinated coat/jacket with pant or knee-length skirt is recommended; suits are a good option; coat/jacket should remain on during the interview.

### Tops, Shirts, & Ties
White, blue, or light-colored blouse, shell or collared dress-shirts are recommended. Avoid low necklines. Ties should coordinate with shirt and suit; Tie-tip should reach belt buckle.

### Color, Print & Material
Darker colors such as blue, grey, or charcoal are recommended. Use a material that is comfortable but NOT form-fitting.

### Shoes, Socks & Hosiery
Closed-toe dress-shoes are recommended; low-heel shoes are preferred; dark-colored socks only. Avoid white-colored socks.

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