

Career advice for Millennials



Here's a Top 7 List:

1. Never take career advice from people your own age. Your peer group is your competition. They are just as clueless and dumb as you are. If someone sounds smart, it's because they are giving you advice that was given to them by someone older and wiser.

2. Recruit mentors. Get yourself several mentors to advise and council you. Who can be a mentor? Anyone who will talk to you about their career, and answers questions about yours. Facebook relationships, people you meet at social or cultural events, friends who know someone you admire, the people who surround you at work.

3. Self-educate all the time. On the job, professionals of all levels are responsible for developing themselves and shouldn't wait for a manager to deliver them a training class or similar formal learning program. In life, everyone can gain skills simply by engaging with the world, so don't forget to pursue hobbies too.

4. Invest in your abilities. Your natural abilities may be totally different than your passion; however, your skills and abilities will help you earn money. Money funds your true passion.

Money and title are earned. I never want to tell you that you have to pay your dues. But you totally have to pay your dues unless you are an owner or a founder.

5. Debt is your enemy. I know you struggle. Fight harder. Buy less stuff. Trust me on this one.

Your social footprint matters less than people tell you. Certain people want you to be online because they make money when you are online. Your social footprint only really matters when it is negative. Keep it small and tight.

6. Passion trumps earning. Follow your passion. This might be an oldie, but it's a goodie! Anyone who loves their job can tell you it takes a lot of the stress and anxiety out of life. You may not get to start at the top, but do what you love and you can find jobs that will get you started, give you the opportunity to learn your passion from the business side, and then the sky is the limit.

7. Lead with your ambition. Millennials have a reputation for not being ambitious—prove employers wrong. Prove yourself wrong. If you're excited about your job and ask to be involved in the projects that catch your eye, the bosses will notice. And they'll reward you with respect, more responsibility, and more access to the aspects of the job you want to learn.

Good luck, young people.