

General Rules on Resume's

*For now – most of your credits will fall under Education Theatre.

Once you attend college, those roles should drop off and be replaced with your collegiate experiences and training.

Once you start performing after college, or if you go directly to work, the educational theatre experiences fall off entirely and are replaced by your professional work experience.

*Only include a category if you have something to list for it.

*Your name should be the largest font on the page.

*Do not list your age/birthday. Or other personal details like your height, weight, etc. Gone are the days where this was required. Instead directors will make decisions upon seeing you in person. It is unfair, but a necessary part of the profession. Film/Television cares more about this and will address that with your agent at that point in your career.

*If you have a website where you have posted reels of your live performances. You may include that. But do not go overboard with multiple links.

*The Acting World is a small world, meaning simply – Casting Agents, Directors, Stage Managers, Producers all talk. Do not lie on your resume. Everyone wants to make it in this business, but making up fake credits is a sure-fire way to end up on a “do not call list.” Roles on your resume must be accompanied by director, theatre/producer, and year.

*Your resume is your calling card, your business card in this industry. It should always be attached to the back of your headshot. And you should have multiple copies with you when you enter an audition room. With that said – your resume should look polished, and neat, and not overcrowded. Actors continually refine their resume and update it with current working projects. Get in the habit of updating yours on a regular basis as well.

*Spelling Counts – Especially with People's Names and Producing Companies

How to Be A Working Actor, by Mari Lynn Henry and Lynne Rogers is a fantastic resource that goes over your resume creation/headshots and all other aspects of working in Professional Theatre/Film/Television etc.

<https://www.amazon.com/How-Working-Actor-5th-Television/dp/0823088952>