



Video Resume Tips

A video resume allows you to stand out among other candidates and directly to ministry partners. It is a way for students to go beyond traditional methods of applying for positions to make a better first impression. In two to three minutes, your video resume will display your communication skills, personality and passion for ministry. There is a fee of \$30.00 for your video to cover filming and editing costs.

Content of Video: Your video should be a maximum length of 2-2 ½ minutes

- 1) **Intro**: This is your opportunity to introduce yourself and your family. Tell them about your family, where you are from, etc. (~25-30 seconds)
- 2) **Passion/Area of ministry/experience**: This section gives you the opportunity to tell your potential ministry partner why you are interested in serving on their ministry team. What are you passionate about? In what area specifically do you see yourself serving? What experiences have shaped that passion in you? (~45-50 seconds)
- 3) **Core values/philosophy of ministry/personality**: Next, tell them about your core values and ministry philosophy. This would be a good place to mention what your personality is like and how that would fit into the ministry role you are seeking. (~30-35 seconds)
- 4) **Contact/email/phone**: Lastly, let them know you would appreciate an opportunity to meet with them and the best way to contact you. (~15-20 seconds)

***Regarding the filming, you have the option of either speaking into the camera directly OR someone on our team can conduct an interview-style video based on the same content that you have prepared.**

What to Wear: Plan to wear professional casual clothing, unless you are seeking a position with a ministry that typically wears formal clothing. For filming purposes, please wear solid colors rather than busy designs.

What to Bring to Your Filming Appointment: Please bring one or two photos that you would like to be included in your video. They should have a high resolution of at least 1280x720. You will also need to bring a 16GB or a 32GB, Class 10 SD memory card for storing your video. The DTS Media Center will also allow you to borrow a memory card for 3 weeks free of charge. Lastly, please bring payment of \$30.00. Checks can be made out to our video editor: Marcus Raven.

Things to Remember:

- 1) Don't recite your resume. Use your video to show what employers cannot learn about you from your resume alone.
- 2) Have a script, be prepared! This script does not have to be completely written out, but a simple outline of your main points. This provides structure when you are ready to film.
- 3) Be yourself! Try to relax and allow your personality to shine through.

- 4) Practice before you arrive. This will help the process of filming go smoothly.
- 5) Consider the type of ministry position you are seeking. Tailor what you say to the type of position for which you are applying.
- 6) Once your draft is complete, you can send your outline or script to the DTS Placement Office for review and feedback. placement@dts.edu

Next Steps:

- 1) Someone from the Placement Office staff will meet you in the video recording room located in the basement of Mosher Media Center on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon. Sign up now in the placement office to schedule your video filming appointment.
- 2) Once your video resume is complete it will be uploaded to our private You Tube channel for selected churches and ministries to view. You may also choose to send out the URL as a link, which ministries can use to view on their own.
- 3) After viewing your video resume, churches and ministries may contact you to set up an interview.
- 4) Here is an example to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZzEBa9cHNO>

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