

If you're uncertain about what career path you'd like to take, a resume can help you define it. Yes. That's right. The act of writing a resume can help you define your career path and can help you figure out where you want to go in your working future.

Think about it. A resume is a personal selling tool. Moreover, to sell yourself as effectively as possible, you're going to have to do some very close self-examination. You're going to have to take a long, objective look at your weaknesses and strengths.

When you determine your weaknesses and strengths, you'll be able to figure out what you're really good at and what you're really lousy at. Your strengths and weaknesses will help you define your career path. Naturally, you'll want a career that allows you to use your strengths to their maximum potential. And, of course, if you're like most people, you won't want to pursue a career where you're required to use skills that you really don't have.

One of the steps involved in writing a resume is looking at the level of education you have, and presenting that level of education in the most flattering way possible. Taking the time to closely examine your education can be another way to use your resume to define your career. If upon closer examination of your education level, you discover you're lacking skills, then you know it's time to upgrade.

Writing your resume can help you define your career goals by helping you focus on your career-related skills like values, personality, temperament, interests, talents and fascinations. That's the benefit of self-marketing! You really have to take a close look at yourself.

So to summarize, If you're not entirely sure what your career objectives are, take the time to write a resume. Write a resume even if you're not looking for a specific (or any) job. Resume writing forces you to take a look at your skills from a self-selling perspective. It forces you to see your strengths and weakness. Moreover, once you're better aware of your strengths and weakness, you'll be able to more effectively define your career goals.