

A great way to scrub up on career ideas...

An old fashioned career tactic...

It's no secret that plain-old-good-manners can leave a lasting and positive impression.

There is one old-fashioned-dinosaur-habit that takes a little time to do, costs next-to-nothing and can assist you build a 'brand' that an employer will remember.

After all, being remembered (for all the right reasons) is what you want for your future job-seeking-self!

Once upon a time your boss, as a child, probably gave a card (and possibly a gift) to their teacher/s at the end of the school year. A simple gesture to thank them for their time and efforts. This type of 'thank-you' was a common occurrence and part of the DNA of young people—and families—at that time. *Some people still write thank-you notes today, but it is becoming less common.*

The card, or acknowledgement, represents a bond between the giver and the receiver. A positive memory.

Once upon a future... Ok, now that I have set the scene. Here is how you can create a great impression next time you complete a successful work experience, placement or a part-time job.

Remember that the act of 'thanking' people is in the 'DNA' of your boss and they respond well to this act.

There are numerous ways you can thank your boss; shown in the graphic below.

Beware...

Once you have decided on a method, and BEFORE sending or posting any message/s it would be sagacious (wise) to have another person look over your wording. You don't want the effect of your message lost because of glaring grammatical errors or sentences being misunderstood!

Why bother?

For a miniscule amount of time and effort, you can create a positive memory in the mind of your boss. When you are older, and job seeking, your boss may recall the gratitude you demonstrated in the past.

Although this doesn't guarantee a position with him/her, it is more likely that they will mention you to other employers—in a positive way. It is a bit like 'paying forward'.

What to write...

I provide some inspiration about **what** to write on my blog. Just click this link to read more, or go to the address shown at the bottom of this page.

Parents....

How can you help?

You are a crucial part of your child's career network/s—so encourage your child to choose a method of thanks.

Using social networking in this manner will be a foreign concept, as teens seem to stick to a code of ethics when interacting on social media, and thanking a boss via social media may go against this code. Much will depend on the personality and maturity of the child.

You can help them write the thanks, but let it be their words that shine.

You too could thank the employer—using a method shown below.

Snail Mail...

Write a short letter & post it.

Try these links for:

- ⇒ [how to write a business letter](#),
- ⇒ [how to address an envelope](#)



Email...

Attach your typed letter to an email—or type it into the body of the email.



Hand Written Card....

Hand write a card, and give it to your boss at the end of the week.



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Look at their web-site; if there is a 'contact' page, send a thankyou message via this method.



Facebook...

- Go to **their** Facebook business page (if they have one) and post a positive comment about your experience, OR,
- Go to **your** Facebook page and post about having a great week at work, and **tag** the boss, or supervisor in the post. **AND**,
- **LIKE** their business Facebook Page! Become a supporter of their business! You could even share their posts in the future! Kudos!



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