

Your AI Job-Search Field Kit

Everything from today, ready to use. Free tools only.

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THE ONE RULE THAT RUNS THROUGH ALL OF IT

Specific, verified, human beats optimized-but-generic. AI drafts from your real facts. You verify and decide. Never invent.

The Four Gates your application passes

Gate 1 ATS Parser	Can software read your resume? Use a clean, single-column layout. No tables, no graphics.
Gate 2 AI Screener	An algorithm ranks you. Match the job's real keywords, backed by real results.
Gate 3 AI Voice Interview	Often a bot asks first. Answer in DIAR and be specific; it's scoring exactly that.
Gate 4 The Human	A skeptical person. They distrust generic and fear fakes. Specifics prove you're real.

Move 1 · Tailor your resume (Claude, free)

Keep one Master Resume with everything you've ever done. Then, for each job, run this:

PASTE INTO CLAUDE (WITH YOUR MASTER RESUME + THE JOB DESCRIPTION)

Tailor my resume to the job below.

1. Keep it clean and ATS-readable: no tables, no columns.
2. Rewrite each bullet as DIAR: Dilemma, Insight, Action, Result. Lead with the result and use a number if you have one.
3. Use the job's keywords ONLY where my resume supports them.
4. Use ONLY facts from my resume. Invent nothing.

Give me the resume plus an audit table (Original | Revised | Source), and flag anything the job wants that I don't show (GAP).
Then run /blindspot: my top 5 weaknesses and how to address them.

Move 2 · Research + the T-Letter (Perplexity, then Claude)

STEP A — PERPLEXITY (FREE)

/deepdive [company]. Their strategy, news from the last 90 days, and the one problem this [role] is hired to solve. Cite sources.

STEP B — CLAUDE (PASTE THE RESEARCH IN)

Write a one-page T-Letter for [role] at [company]. Two columns: What they need | What I bring (with proof). Then run /ghost so it reads like a real person wrote it. No buzzwords.

Move 3 · Practice the AI interview (Gemini Live, free)

SPEAK OR TYPE INTO GEMINI LIVE

Act as an AI voice screener for [role]. Ask me 5 questions, one at a time. Probe once on each. Rate my specificity 1-5 and tell me what would make it a 5. I'll answer in DIAR.

DIAR, THE ANSWER FORMAT THAT BEATS THE BOT AND THE HUMAN

Dilemma: the real situation and what was at stake. Insight: what you saw that others missed.

Action: the specific move you made. Result: the outcome, with a number if you have one.

The free-tool stack (no paid account needed)

Claude Resumes, long documents, tailoring, /blindspot.

Perplexity Cited company research and salary benchmarks, /deepdive.

Gemini Live Live, spoken AI-interview practice.

ChatGPT All-round drafting, rewrites, cover letters.

arena.ai Compare answers from several AIs, no signup.

Your next 7 days

1. Build your Master Resume: every role, every win, in one place.
2. Pick one job. Run Move 1 and read the audit table.
3. Run /blindspot and fix the top 3 gaps it finds.
4. Run Move 2: research the company and draft your T-Letter.
5. Run Move 3: mock the AI screener until every answer scores 4 or 5.
6. Rewrite your LinkedIn headline and About with the same specifics.
7. Apply to 3 roles the new way. Track what happens.

Let's stay connected. Connect with me on LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/in/samvelu](https://www.linkedin.com/in/samvelu)) or call 732-742-2849.

The full playbook is in The Smart Job Seeker's Guide to AI, available on Amazon.