• References should not be listed on your resume.
• Include a separate page for references. The references page should only be submitted upon request.
• You will want to have 3-5 professional references available when applying for positions.
• Make sure you ask the potential references BEFORE giving their names out as references!
• When you request a professional reference, it is important to mention your connection. For example, if the reference was one of your professors, remind them of the class you were in and when. Also, let them know what position you are applying. Consider asking if they would feel comfortable writing about the skill set and/or experiences you could bring to the position.
• Include the following information for each reference:
  o Name
  o Title
  o Business Address
  o Business Phone Number
  o Business Email Address (if they have one)
• The following is an example of a references page. The header and font should match your resume and cover letter.

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Professors and Supervisors!

Dear [Name],

As [Title], you have contributed significantly to my understanding of [FIELD]. In [Course Name] last semester, you offered to help any of the students with their job search. Since you know the quality of my work and my command of [FIELD], I would be honored if you would provide a letter of reference for me.

I am targeting a position as a [TITLE], and anticipate that my demonstrated command of [FIELD] and [FIELD] will play a crucial role in meeting the requirements of the job. As you mentioned in evaluations of my coursework, I have shown that I am able to communicate well in either written or oral form and have built a reputation for delivering professional quality results. With a solid theoretical foundation for my professional career, I look forward to applying the skills I have developed in school to advancing the field of [FIELD].

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in my job search. I will contact you soon to confirm that I can include your name on my reference list, or you can reach me at [PHONE/E-MAIL] or [PHONE/E-MAIL].

Sincerely,

[First Name, Last Name]

Enclosure