

# Get Experience

## Activity 1 – Connect

Most occupations — from restaurant professionals to engineers — have Professional Associations. These organizations offer a variety of services and sponsor activities for their members. Contacting, visiting, and participating in a Professional Association will help you learn the language and customs of the profession and the issues of the day. It will also help you identify the key players, find internships and even get leads to good jobs.

### 2. Review

Think about how a Professional Association could help you. Also, consider what you can offer a Professional Association (PA).

What do you want from a PA?

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What you have to offer to a PA?

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### 1. Research

Before making a Connection, learn something about the organization and what they have to offer.



**Review the Professional Association database.**

Choose several Professional Associations to explore. Review their social media sites. Consider what you want and what you can offer them (make some notes).

### 3. Reach Out

Make an email or phone connection to move forward.

Fill in your phone script: Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ student at \_\_\_\_\_.

I am studying and I am interested in learning more about your organization... \_\_\_\_\_.

Draft a short email inquiry to a Professional Association.

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