



## The HOLLYWOODWEB.COM Guide to Getting Discovered

**Do the Basics.** Getting noticed in a highly competitive field like acting is obviously very difficult, but it's surprising how many people neglect to take the time to get good headshots done, a solid resume (even if experience is limited), and representation. Many agencies allow you to sign up without significant experience.

**Get Experience.** School plays, public access, independent films... the list of ways to get experience and exposure is endless. ANYONE can get a part in SOMETHING. If you try hard, you will at least get in a stage production or two. It's very unlikely you'll ever get picked up without at least a small quantity of credits on your resume.

**Go to School.** There are a myriad of school choices for getting acting credentials, from the local junior college to high-dollar programs in Hollywood and New York. It is in your interest to take at least a basic acting course so you are familiar with the terms used in the "industry" and sound knowledgeable when you are communicating with casting agents. Further, you will make contacts that may prove very valuable later, and will likely find out about independent films being made – they always need extras at the very least, if not primary actors.

**Check the Hollywoodweb.com Job Board.** Available 24/7, the Hollywoodweb.com Job Board frequently lists acting gigs for major Hollywood productions and indy films alike. The address is <http://hollywoodweb.com/jobs/>

**Read Trade Rags.** Subscribe to Variety, and you will know the inside scoop on nearly everything in the industry. "Talking the talk" is essential in tinseltown, and name-dropping is not just common, it's expected. Know the players' names and credits, and then once you meet them, you have carte blanche to exploit that "connection". Yes, it's flimsy, but this is a cutthroat business, remember that!

**Register on Hollywoodweb.com.** Hollywoodweb.com is the premier source for casting agents, directors, and producers to find talent for their film and stage projects. It's not the only way to get noticed, but it's cheap, easy, and effective. Register now! The automatic email updates of new jobs is worth it alone.

**Don't Get Discouraged.** You won't win the Oscar® overnight – it takes commitment, dedication, talent, and a ton of hard work. Pay your dues, keep at it, and you'll at least get in something, we promise!