

Just JJ Jobs

Business of the Month

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Gilbert's Drug Store



Business of the Month Questions

What one/ two/ three things do you consider “most important” during an interview? On a resume?

When looking for job applicants, it isn't just about filling a position. We look for candidates who can hold the same job for a good length of time. This suggests that the candidate may be honest, dependable, and likely works well with others. Our best employees usually have experience with waiting tables. We appreciate restaurant experience, because it shows that the applicant has experience working with the public and is used to a fast paced work environment. During the interview, it is appreciated when the applicant looks us in the eye and is dressed nicely. Showing up early for an interview is also a good sign. Most employers appreciate employees who show up early to their shifts. It is also important to answer questions honestly. If an applicant doesn't have the experience, we don't mind. It is the ability to learn the job and willingness to acquire new skills that matters the most.

Is there ONE after high school/ college class that you think is the MOST important?

This is a difficult question to answer because we love when our employees want to advance in our business, whether it be in bookkeeping/ accounting, business or pharmacy. If we had to choose one class, it would have to be a business class because core business classes teach a variety of skills that are useful in a wide variety of careers.

What does your business do/ make/ service provide?

Gilbert's is a family run pharmacy. We have been serving the Oscoda community for 86 years. We have tremendous gratitude to the generations of families who have supported us throughout the years. To show our appreciation we aim to provide good old fashioned customer service, where the customers need come first, and everyone feels welcomed and is treated with hospitality. In addition to the pharmacy, we are also a party store. We have a large selection of toys for children, greeting cards, party supplies, clothing/ apparel, liquor, beer/wine, and lottery. New customers are often surprised to see everything we have to offer and enjoy browsing the store while they wait for their prescriptions to be filled.

Business of the Month Questions Continued

Where are you located, and do you have more than one location?

Gilbert’s Drug Store only has one location, you can find us in downtown Oscoda. Our address is 212 S. State Street.

What is the average starting wage for positions in your company?

Our starting wage is \$13.00 an hour, but not everyone is paid the same at Gilbert’s. Once an employee has proven themselves dependable, honest, and hardworking, we feel it’s necessary to reward them with better pay.

What types of skills do you think it’s important for your employees to have?

It is nice when new hires have experience in using cash registers and customer service, but this isn’t a deal breaker. Our best employees enjoy helping people. They are good on the phone, they are friendly, accommodating and enjoy working with the public. We also appreciate an employee who is good at organizing and displaying the merchandise. Believe it or not, there is an art to this! It is also noticed when an employee is agreeable and nice to work with. We appreciate positive, forward-thinking people who work well with others.

How many employees do you have?

On average, we have about 17 employees.

Do you have any current job openings? If yes, give us any information that you would like us to post.

We do not have any jobs posted currently, but we are always accepting applications. We are always looking for experienced pharmacy technicians. Our best technicians are natural problem solvers who enjoy going the extra mile for those in need. Pharmacy technician positions can be both part time and full time. Starting wage is \$17.00 an hour depending on availability and experience.

How can someone apply for a job at your company?

We encourage applicants to visit gilbertdrug.com. We do have printed applications available if an applicant prefers to pick one up personally.



