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## applicant

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### Simple Definition of *applicant*

- : someone who formally asks for something (such as a job or admission to a college) : someone who applies for something

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

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### Full Definition of *applicant*

1. : one who [applies](#) <a job applicant>

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## Examples of *applicant* in a sentence

1. We interviewed 30 qualified *applicants* for the job.
2. <have numerous *applicants* for the job>



1776

## First Known Use of *applicant*

1776

## Related to *applicant*

### Synonyms

[candidate](#), [applier](#), [aspirant](#), [campaigner](#), [contender](#), [expectant](#), [hopeful](#), [prospect](#), [seeker](#)

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## Definition of *applicant* for Students

1. : a person who applies for something (as a job)

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