

# 6 Questions Some Ringling Bros. Circus Performers May Explore



Only a handful of the 462 staff and performers of the Ringling Bros. Circus will find positions in related entertainment venues when the circus folds this May, say news reports

But one could argue that many of the longtime workers knew the circus would shut down well in advance of the recent announcement. Some may relocate to other parts of the world where the circus industry still thrives. Others may choose entrepreneurship in order to pursue an independent lifestyle.

**Thoughtful answers to questions that includes the following...**

The average person has six aptitudes regardless of gender, education, or socioeconomic background. But what is key is identifying one's combination of aptitude patterns, which differs with each person, says the nonprofit Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation

1. What skills, interests and innate ability might be indicated by circus responsibilities?

2. Could there be circus related knowledge, experience, tools, equipment, items, products, practices or strategies which might solve problems or offer a better way to tackle goals in other industries?

For instance, might a clown teach humor skills to corporate or other high-stress professions? The traditional circus has a long history. What were the munchies through the years?

**Is there some long-forgotten treat that could be revived?**

3. Are you happiest working? solo, with a partner, with a group?

4. How will you best learn business and marketing skills? Mentorship, apprenticeship, classroom learning, independent learning, online class, traditional class setting?

5. ..What activities do you most enjoy in your spare time?

6. Traveling from city to city, what experiences, people, places, things were the most enjoyable?

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