

## **Creating the Best Online Dating Profile Possible**

Your online dating profile is the first impression that any potential match will have of you. It's most important to be truthful, and include basic information about you and your likes and dislikes.

Certain things included may be your age, income, body type and hair color, and you may also include a picture. Although you can't change much of this information about yourself immediately, you can provide some in-depth information that will make you shine above the rest.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and the same is true when it comes to online dating. Although outward appearances are more important at the beginning, continued attraction is only achieved with other attributes of the personality that make you truly unique.

A photo always needs to be included in your profile. Even if you're no supermodel, don't post a picture of someone other than yourself – simply find the best quality photo that you can find, and make the most of it.

Any photo that is shadowy, taken at an odd angle, dark, or fuzzy are not the best choices. Also make sure you're not in your bathing suit or flip-flops; it's just not very classy. You should be dressed in your best, much like you would appear at a first date. Make sure you're smiling in the photo, too – just make sure you don't look too full of yourself.

Confidence is perhaps the number one attractive attribute that any potential mate will be looking for. Always lead with your strengths, provide honest answers without hesitation or boastfulness, and present yourself as ready and willing to meet and greet new people to your life.

Although you may not be a professional writer, try to make sure your profile information is grammatically correct and free of spelling errors. You never know who will be looking, and some potential matches might have been English majors that can't stand it when you use the wrong spelling of a word.

On the same token, make sure it's all very conversational and comfortable for the reader. Try to let your personality shine through – if you were the class clown, feel free to include some funny passages. This will only make you more of an individual and more appealing to potential matches that view your profile.

Also remember never to include a feeling of desperation in your profile or any other communications between you and other members. No one is attracted to this tactic, so don't make the title of your profile page something like “Will you go out with me?”

Take into account the type of person you're looking to meet as well. Often, like kind will attract like kind. This basically means that similar education levels, similar writing styles, similar backgrounds and goals will most likely become a match.

If you're looking for someone with a higher education but you never graduated high school, you might want to re-think this requirement. Otherwise, it may seem you're quite full of yourself to expect a higher level of something in someone else that you did not achieve on your own.