20 Common Question I Ask Virtual Assistants (VAs)

How To Use: My recommendation is to pick the most important 3 to 5 questions to you and use them as prescreening questions. After you prescreen, I would pick a larger set of questions to ask each applicant. I don't personally ask every VA every question on this list.

- 1. Describe your previous experience as a virtual assistant. What type of tasks did you handle?
- 2. How proficient are you in English, both written and spoken?
- 3. Based on what I need help with, do you have any ideas to improve the process?
- 4. What are your working hours? Are you available during [specific time zone]?
- 5. Are you open to using time-tracking software if required?
- 6. What is your internet speed, and do you have a backup if it goes down?
- 7. What tools and software are you familiar with? (e.g., Google Workspace, Asana, Slack, Canva).
- 8. What experience do you have with [specific software]?
- 9. What steps do you take to ensure data security and client confidentiality?
- 10. Are you always the person doing the work or do you have other people you share work with?
- 11. What type of training or onboarding have you found most helpful in the past?
- 12. How do you prioritize tasks when managing multiple projects?
- 13. Describe a challenging situation with a previous client and how you handled it.
- 14. How comfortable are you with repetitive tasks, like data entry or lead generation?
- 15. How quickly can you adapt to new software or workflows?
- 16. Is there anything specific you want me to know about you?
- 17. Describe a time when you went above and beyond for a client.
- 18. Do you have any other commitments that may interfere with your work schedule?
- 19. What interests you most about taking on this project?
- 20. Where do you see yourself in the next year as a virtual assistant?