Questions

To Ask a Financial Advisor Before You Hire Them



THERE ARE **330,300**

FINANCIAL ADVISORS IN THE U.S. AS OF MARCH 2023





Before trusting someone with your wealth, have them answer these questions to make sure they're a good fit.

RELATIONSHIPS



What will our relationship look like?

Their formal portfolio review schedule and (un)willingness to meet with *you* are signs of how you might be treated.

How many clients do you have? Some financial advisors have hundreds of clients. You might find that appealing, but you might also want someone with more time to devote.

EXPERIENCE



What certifications or designations do you hold? These may show an advisor's commitment to expanding their knowledge. Have them explain the completed requirements and how you benefit.

Are you experienced advising someone in my situation? Finding an advisor with book smarts and real-world experience helping clients like you can be highly desirable.

MONEY



What's your investment philosophy? A financial advisor's stance on asset allocation and risk vs. reward can be telling.

How will you prepare me for a worst case scenario?

A financial advisor is supposed to anticipate and help prevent mistakes you could make yourself.

How do you get paid? This is arguably the biggest question of all, so make sure you under-stand. It's your money, after all.