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Dear Hanny,

I write you in hope of your consideration for employment as a development intern at Service Industry to You. In my research of companies in the Portland area, SITY really stands out to me because of the unique way in which you're using technology to match service industry employees to employment. During my brief period in the industry, I would have found this application to be quite useful! My full-stack abilities in Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, and HTML/CSS will serve me well in this position.

Prior to attending Epicodus to become a web developer, I worked as a private music teacher for Cascade School of Music, a nonprofit school in Bend, Oregon. My 'main gig' was as a retail manager at Newport Ave. Market, where I led a team of approximately 25 people in excelling at customer service. I learned how to effectively communicate to a diverse team, to be dependable to my teammates, and to foster an atmosphere of "comfortable accountability" as a leader. While working as a music teacher and performer, I became interested in development, and took some courses in PHP, which allowed me to write websites for my bands, and even an application to track my student schedule. I genuinely love this work; programming, like practicing music, brings me joy in working past frustration and experiencing excitement when different pieces come together.

I decided to enroll at Epicodus to further my study of programming. I've spent the last four months learning as much as I possibly can about HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, NodeJS, Gulp, Bower, Angular, Ruby as a scripting language, Ruby application development with Sinatra and SQL (Postgres), and finally Ruby on Rails using ActiveRecord - among more! Perhaps learning any one of these skills could have years dedicated to it. What I've learned at Epicodus is this: *how to learn*. I've discovered that the learning process in programming has no finish line, and, frankly, that excites me. I feel confident in my ability to move between languages and/or frameworks, and to competently learn as I go, via documentation and mentorship, and to embrace feeling "uncomfortable" in doing so.

I appreciate your consideration of me as a candidate for your internship position. I genuinely feel that I would be an ideal fit at Service Industry to You, as I have a passion for creating web applications that make people happy, and have a high capacity for learning. Thank you for reviewing my application.

Regards,

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