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To my future teammates at Blue Origin,

I want to put people on other planets. I am sending you this application because I want to contribute to the greater systems that are going to expand the boundaries that currently constrain the human race. I think getting humans into space is one of the most important projects that currently exist. There are so many smaller problems contained within the overall project that need to be solved. An entire industry and culture needs to be built.

My name is Collin Smith and I am a Masters Candidate in Computer Science at Northeastern University. I have been learning and practicing software design for nearly 2 years. During these two years I have completed several notable projects in C, Java, and Javascript/HTML. I have used Object Oriented and Functional frameworks. I have completed both individual and team assignments. Of note I created a Tic Tac Toe client in Java that communicated using JSON objects with a C server using REST endpoints and a stateless game service. By the end of this semester in early August I will complete two current projects. The first includes a Book Service that employs a Flask REST framework and uses SQLAlchemy to manage a postgres Database. The second project is to design an open source project building an automated vehicle control system using embedded circuits, mostly ESP8266 modules.

In addition to my growing technical experience I was a Ranger in the US Army in 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. I was and NCO and held a TS/SCI clearance. I deployed 4 times, participated in hundreds of direct action missions, and responsible for millions of dollars of equipment. After my time in the Army I developed an assault ladder with a patent including 4 claims. I founded a company that had 15 full time employees and an additional 15-20 seasonal employees. I participated in a real estate management company that bought and renovated a dozen houses and rented them out. I have a wide range of experiences and skills to add to the team that include leadership, task organization, responsibility for sensitive equipment and personnel in difficult situations.

I sincerely appreciate your interest in my application and what Blue Origin is trying to do. I would very much like to meet with people and get involved in a team effort to do something we all find meaningful. My phone number is (425) 736-5063. Please give me a call anytime and if I don't answer immediately please leave a message. I have also provided my email address, and I live in the area and would love to visit your facilities.

Thank you,

Collin Smith