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Dear (hiring manager name),

In response to your job listing posted on Indeed.com, I am sending my resume to acknowledge my interest in applying for the Software Quality Engineer position in your company. I believe that my education, experience in various facets of the tech industry, and desire to contribute to the forward progress of your company make me the ideal candidate for the position.

As an Advertising major at the University of Texas at Austin, I spent four years honing my problem solving, creative brainstorming, presentation, and project management skills in a myriad of group settings. My grades were determined by the fruits of a group projects rather than written tests. As a result, I quickly learned to communicate effectively with team members in order to push projects through to completion.

During my time at UT, I worked at a real estate firm which is where I got my first taste of programming. In addition to learning how to listen to clients needs and work with the limited information and budget they had given me, I was tasked with several administrative duties, one of which included keeping our website up-to-date with fresh content. It was here that I learned the basics of HTML programming.

From there I chose to go the digital route with my degree plan as it gave me the opportunity to work on the basics of coding websites. I made sure that my internships were tech oriented and that, even though I was not a software developer, I was at east exposed to software development in some manner. After graduating college, I took a position at a marketing firm in Dallas. The opportunity on paper was great, but what I quickly discovered was the very thing I had become interested in during the last two years of college was missing: there was nothing digital or tech oriented about the job.

After ten months in Dallas I accepted a position as a salesperson at a tech startup in Austin called Signpost. Even though I was selling software I hoped to maneuver my way over to the software development side of the company. After a year of selling software and no foreseeable opportunity to make a move over to software development, I took a position as a Fermentation Specialist at a local brewery which would allow me to make a living while pursuing an education in software development.

As a graduate of the October 2016 cohort of The Coding Bootcamp at UT Austin I learned the fundamentals of building applications from the ground up. I thoroughly explored the core coding languages (JavaScript, HTML, CSS, jQuery) as well as database management and application framework programs (Firebase, React.js). In the process, I have created a portfolio of several self-built and group-built applications that are displayed on my website.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to discussing my qualifications further with you.

Sincerely,
Cameron E. Wren