

June 15, 2023  
First Alternative Co-op  
1007 SE 3rd St.  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
USA

To: First Alternative Hiring Manager

RE: Grocery Stocker

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to be applying to work at First Alternative! I have been shopping at your South location for about 3 years now since living in Corvallis. This store is biking distance from my house and tends to be where I shop whenever I'm looking for good produce sourced locally. When I lived in Portland with my family, we didn't have any co-op or similar store close by to where we lived, so naturally I was excited to have access to good food all the way out here in Corvallis.

I'm a 5<sup>th</sup> year engineering student here at the OSU Corvallis campus. I will be taking two courses this summer. The first source is from June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> and is 8 hours a day. My second course is from Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday to Thursday, 10AM-12:20PM. Beyond those time restrictions I am completely available to work this summer until the Fall Term begins late September. After which, I will likely choose to focus fully on school, however, may decide to continue.

I am certain that I will be very good at this position. The physical requirements are of little concern as I am 22 years old and physically fit. The intellectual requirements of organizing and prioritizing come easy to me. These skills are needed as an engineer, and working in such a field has let me practice this. I worked in a lab where our inventory system was difficult to maintain due to understaffing, and so organizing and keeping stock was a daily task for us. I will have no trouble working around food. I worked around food for nearly my entire high school career in restaurants. I understand food safety and customer interaction with experience. Furthermore, I do work well with others. Contrary to the engineering stereotypes, I have learned that I work significantly better with a team. I worked alone on a project for some time and found it considerably more difficult than when I had worked with a team. I greatly prefer communicating and working with others to get things done.

I will also be applying for the 'Produce Stocker' position. I will be happy to work wherever the store needs me, and what role fits me best. I am re-submitting my same application to the other position as it appears many of the responsibilities of the Produce Stocker are included in a Grocery Stocker's position.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to an interview,

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