

To whom it may concern,

My name is Magnus Hexonalds. I am a senior software engineer at Evil Corp. I love speaking at conferences and meetups, mentoring other engineers, sharing my knowledge my blog, and contributing to open-source.

I come from MY\_LOCATION. Since early childhood I was fascinated with tech. My father was an engineer, so I was lucky to grow up surrounded by mathematical equations and books about physics and chemistry. I wrote my first program at the age of 10. Even though it was a simple calculator, I was enchanted by making it work with my own pair of hands. At the age of 13 I created my first mobile game in Java - "Evil Never Sleeps" (link). When I was 15 I won a regional competitive programming contest as a captain of my school's team.

I started working professionally at the age of 16 in high school. First, it were part-time freelance gigs. I build websites for my school, for the local newspaper "Local CatSh\*t", and an automation system for our local mechanic - "Drunken Joe". Three years later, I joined a software consultancy "Not so evil" as a junior software engineer while being a 3-year student at Catfridge University. I spent there 2 years and was promoted to a senior software engineer after 1.5 years. Next, I joined "Almost evil" startup as a tech lead to build the next-gen image recognition system. I led there a team of 4 engineers and spent there 2 years. Right after, I started working at Evil Corp as a senior software engineer. I was promoted to a tech lead after 11 months in the company.

If I get endorsed, I plan to stay at Evil Corp, but I am going to relocate to its division in Edinburgh. I want to keep learning from the outstanding talent pool in the company and eventually start my own startup funded by Evil Corp itself. At Evil Corp we can build our own projects at the internal hackathon. The best project each year is funded by the Evil Fund to make it a full-featured startup. Over the next 2 years I plan to slowly build a prototype for the automated evil deeds system and present it at the hackathon. If I win, I want to start my own company funded by the Evil Fund. Alternatively, I want to seek funding from the local investors.

If I get endorsed, I plan to move to Edinburgh.

I think that Edinburgh presents me with the best in the world opportunities to develop my skillset and to found a startup. I also feel a deep connection with Scotland's culture as my grandfather was half-Scottish. I grew up hearing local legends from him. At the age of 18 I was lucky enough to visit Edinburgh in person and to fell in love with its nature, its history, and its dungeons.

I would be delighted to do everything in my power to positively impact IT in the UK. I plan to take senior positions in product-led companies, share my knowledge at the local meetups and conferences, mentor youth and other developers, keep working on the open-source projects, start new businesses and create new workplaces.

Yours faithfully,  
Magnus Hexonalds