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The North Carolina Botanical Gardens
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Dear North Carolina Botanical Gardens,

I am writing to you about my interest in the Ellen and Charles Johnson Student Intern position. I am currently a junior Biology and Geography Major at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. As a nature lover and someone who maintains a personal garden, I would love the opportunity to apply my skills on a wider scale.

I heard about this opportunity from Damon Waitt, the professor of my garden conservation class and was excited by the opportunity to utilize what I have learned in that class as well as my other biology classes. Although I lack professional gardening experience, I have learned practical knowledge of plant care from my own failed and successful plant undertakings. For the past 4 summers I have maintained my own small, but successful tomato garden. I also am not one to shy away from trying new things as I took on the 2 year long endeavor of growing and harvesting a pineapple. As a plant lover (who wants to have as many plants as possible) I also have experience propagating my own house plants, including jade plants and golden pothos.

My experience driving an ice cream truck (with no AC) 2 summers ago has well prepared me for my working long days in the North Carolina Summer heat. I also have a passion for design and experience working in Adobe illustrator creating maps of a community in Ecuador. I am confident I would be able to apply these skills to creating social media posts.

I would be happy to expand my knowledge and learn about the areas of gardening where I currently lack experience as well as apply my own personal skills. Thank you for taking the time to review my application and I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Emily Ormond