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Hiring Manager Stifel 4643 South Ulster Suite 1220. Denver, Colorado 80237 (303) 534-1180

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to apply for the Public Finance Summer Analyst Program at Stifel. As a junior at the University of Richmond pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Business Analytics, I have developed a strong foundation in financial modeling, industry research, and quantitative analysis, which align closely with the responsibilities of this role.

In my corporate finance and fixed income coursework, I built financial models to assess bonds, capital structures, and financing transactions. Additionally, as a Consultant at Makeup by Holly LLC, I conducted market research, prepared presentation materials in PowerPoint, and provided data-driven recommendations to optimize decision-making. In my role as Financial Controller for the Afghan Student Association, I managed budgets, performed financial analyses, and collaborated with leadership to ensure effective financial management. These and other experiences, such as being a volunteer income tax for the IRS, have sharpened my accounting knowledge, public policy awareness, and ability to communicate complex financial insights.

Stifel's leadership in municipal finance and economic development presents an exciting opportunity for me to contribute meaningfully to impactful infrastructure and public financing efforts. With a strong foundation in financial modeling, quantitative analysis, and research, I am prepared to support the firm's underwriting and municipal banking initiatives from day one. My background in assessing bond structures, analyzing public finance data, and communicating insights clearly positions me to add immediate value to Stifel's clients and projects.

I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how my finance acumen, leadership experience, and analytical abilities can contribute to Stifel's Public Finance team. Please feel free to contact me at thijjaz@gmail.com or 405-738-2546.

Best regards,

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