

# Job Application

## 1. Header

All cover letters start with a header that includes your contact information. People often use the same header for their cover letter as they use for their resume to create consistency across their entire application. Regardless of the exact format you use, a header should start with your name and include your email, phone number and address on separate lines. Some people include links to their portfolio or social media if that information is relevant to the position.

you have to include the name and contact information of the hiring manager or company. People usually include employer contact information on their cover letter if they are submitting a hard copy or soft copy.

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## 2. Greeting

The salutation or greeting of your cover letter is your first chance to differentiate yourself from other applicants by addressing the correct person. Research the name of the hiring manager for each position to show that you have put thought and effort into your application. You can often find this information within the job listing, on the company website or by calling their office and asking.

If you can't find a specific name to address your letter to, you can personalize the greeting by referencing the specific department you would be working with. "Dear Hiring Manager" is a standard greeting that is acceptable when their name is not available. Keep your greeting short and professional, using the appropriate honorifics or titles when applicable.

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## 3. Introduction

The first paragraph of your cover letter should provide the basic details about who you are and why you want the job. Include the title of the job you are applying for, provide a general overview of why you would excel at the position and the reasons you are excited about the job. You can mention how you heard about the position and why you decided to apply, which is an especially good strategy if another employee referred you to the position. Review the job posting for the core strengths required for the job and use your introductory paragraph to explain how you exhibit those qualities.

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## 4. Qualifications

After the introduction, focus on your history and qualifications. This allows you to attract the employer's attention by immediately sharing how you can benefit their team. Provide more details about the information you include on your resume, and focus on how your experiences specifically apply to the job. Include stories about relevant projects or situations that give insight into how you solve problems and do your work well. Explain how you contributed to the success of past projects and draw attention to the impact of your actions.

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## 5. Values and goals

The next paragraph should demonstrate that you understand the company's mission and have done research on the position. Focus on how your goals align with theirs and connect to the elements you like about the company culture. Explain how the work you do can mutually benefit your future and the needs of your prospective employer. This section of your cover letter allows you to show that you can not only do the job well, but can fit in with a team and bring a positive attitude to the workplace.

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## 6. Call to action

The final paragraph should summarize your interest and suggest next steps for proceeding with the application. Thank the hiring manager for taking the time to review your application, and express interest in speaking more about the position or scheduling an interview. Your cover letter should cater to how you can benefit the company, so focus on the skills and talent you hope to bring to their team.

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## 7. Signature

Sign off with a professional closing phrase and your signature or typed name. If you're emailing your cover letter, be sure that you do not include an unnecessary email signature. Some appropriate closing phrases are:

Sincerely

Best regards

Respectfully

Thank you

With thanks

# Template

[Applicant's Address]

[Applicant's City, State and Zip Code]

[Applicant's Phone Number]

[Applicant's Email]

[Date]

*Related company's post*

*Company's name*

*Address*

*Subject:*

*Dear Sir/Madam [Hiring Manager Post Title],*

*I am writing in response to your advertisement for the [job title] position at [company name]. I am experienced in [skill set] and am interested in using my knowledge to accomplish [company goals]. I am passionate about [career interest] and motivated by [company mission] and am looking forward to the opportunity to use my unique experience to support your [department name] team.*

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*My recent experience as a [previous job title] has prepared me for this position through extensive training on [technical skills]. I applied those skills during [projects you worked on] and helped my team reach our goal by [positive results of your work]. While at my previous job, I improved operations by [list how you used your soft skills].*

*I respect [company]'s mission and look forward to participating in a workplace culture that promotes [describe company's core values]. I plan to build upon my background as a [field of interest] professional and contribute to [company]'s high standard of service and uphold their reputation within our community. As I grow professionally, I hope to apply [new skills] to [describe work environment] and become a valuable resource for [company].*

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*Thank you for considering me as a candidate for [position]. I appreciate the opportunity to share how I can help support your company's mission. I look forward to hearing back from you and discussing my application in more detail.*

*[Closing phrase],*

*Signature*

*[Your Name]*