December 3rd, 2013

Dear Securian Recruiters,

I found this opening on the Securian website and I would like to submit my application for the Information Technology Programmer Analyst position.

I am currently a fourth year student at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and will be graduating in May 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science. Securian has been around for over a century, is the fifth largest life insurance company in the nation, and due to how well established this company is it is clear that it is the ideal company to start my career with. I also believe that continued learning is something that is crucial for success and the training that I would receive at Securian in the different IS areas would be very valuable. Having an analytical mind and coming up with creative solutions to problems has been a requirement of my current job working at the IT helpdesk at Wartburg College while troubleshooting issues with both student and faculty's computers. Almost every day I am presented with a problem that I have not seen before, whether it be on a student's laptop or an issue with an A/V station. I am constantly called on to use my resources to come up with solutions for these issues quickly as it is essential that the students, faculty, and staff have working devices.

Working at a movie theater for multiple years I had to be able to spot any and all imperfections in the films being shown and make snap decisions on the correct solution to the problem. If there was no quick fix I had to take the initiative to decide how to communicate the issue to the audience and determine how to make sure they still left the theater happy with their experience as we always put our guests first. This is the main value that reaffirms my belief that Securian is the ideal company to start my career with: all the work put in to make sure the technology meets the business needs is ultimately for the client. I strongly believe that for a company where the end product is going into the hands of client, the client needs to be the most important thing to keep in mind while developing. My previous employment history has demanded that I have an analytic mind, can creatively solve problems, can communicate effectively and efficiently, and that I am willing to accept many responsibilities. It is because of my experience with these expectations and these requirements, that I know I would thrive at Securian.

Please take a look at my enclosed resume. I believe you will find my experiences are congruent with the expectations for this position. If you have any questions please contact me at 612-889-9093. I look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Aaron Schendel aaron.schendel@gmail.com