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Graduate Admissions Office

Stanford University  
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Dear General Admissions Office:

I am a junior at Syracuse University that is interested in continuing my education in computer engineering through the resources your elite graduate engineering program offers. I understand that your university prides itself on maintaining a top nationwide ranking, thus only admitting elite, motivated, and passionate students that will effectively bring these qualities and the knowledge you instill in them to the outside world. Through my previous academic and extracurricular experiences, I believe I exhibit some qualities that your university is looking to enhance through your educational programs.

I have taken the initiative to engage in challenges that will prepare me for the challenges your university will impose upon me. For instance, I have been a co-founder of two startups where I took a leadership role and assumed responsibilities that determined the success or failure of the start-up. I was also responsible for developing the web application for the startups vision, which grew my software development skills on the professional level. I have gained insight from my failures that I am hoping to share with my fellow classmates as well as learn from theirs.

If admitted, I will strengthen the universities entrepreneurial culture by contributing my past experiences with past start-ups to the various clubs and venture incubators Stanford has to offer. I am particularly intrigued by your online webinars you host as they cover multiple topics that align with my extracurricular interests. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to learn in person from the exceptional professors that I have been following online.

As shown above, I feel I am a highly motivated, passionate person for computer engineering and emerging technologies with a strong desire to continue my professional development in these fields. My original passion for computer science made me ask the question why a lot, which lead to the discovery of my passion in computer engineering. People that are curious are the type of people your program can benefit from because they will bring questions that continue to push the university forward to answer these questions through academic endeavor and discovery. I have built the discipline required to succeed in your program because I was able to manage going to college while working on a start-up and I still produced high quality work for both objectives.

I am looking forward to the upcoming interview process as a cover letter and résumé cannot fully communicate the intangible qualities that distinguish applicants from one another.

Sincerely,

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