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Dear Applied Geosolutions

To tell you the truth, I had to look up what a cover letter was when I saw what accompanies an inquiry internship email. I began to read how someone wrote a cover letter, browsing through tons of examples. I came to the conclusion that I did not want to put the same things you hear time and again on this application. When I think of a cover letter, I think of letting you, the employer, get to know me. Although I think talking with someone is the truest way to get to know someone, I will begin letting you know who I am.

The best way I concluded to let you know who I am as a student, worker, and friend is to ask myself questions. I picked these questions because I believe it gives you an idea of why I want to be a part of your team. The answers let you dive into who I am, because when working on projects that are deep in creativity and innovation, it is essential to be personable.

**What do you think makes you unique?**

I believe I am unique because I consistently am working towards my long-term goal of becoming an essential part of humanity's work toward the exploration of and eventual colonization of Mars. I intend to work for Elon Musk at SpaceX as an engineer, and I am working hard to do what I need to do, even in this early stage of my career, to achieve that goal. Many people are either unable or unwilling to recognize that they cannot reach lofty goals without first achieving smaller ones.  I am unique in that I see life as a series of small steps all leading to the same place-- Mars.

**How do you think your friends would describe you?**

My friends humorously describe me as a "Queen Ant."  Although most men would take that as an insult, I love this characterization. A queen ant oversees a highly efficient team made up of specialized workers who use their individual abilities for the good of the whole colony. When I work in a group setting, I always look for the strengths of each individual in the group and figure out how that person can help the group project.

My friends have also stated that I am "an extremely passionate worker."  During my senior year of high school, FIRST Robotics came to the school. As a rookie team, we were disorganized and confused. When the season began and the rule book was released, I read the entire handbook the first day. When we gathered the next day, I led the team in going over all of the rules and making sure everyone understood. Also during that first meeting, I formed committees with group leaders to work on different elements of the robotics mission. My friend Matthew, the other senior on the team, noticed how my organization of the team showed leadership skill and a knack for efficiency. That is when my team started calling me "Queen Ant."

**Write briefly about a time you had a disagreement with a peer and how you worked through it.**

During the summer of 2015, I worked as a counselor at the camp I had attended for the previous ten summers. Near the end of the summer, the counselors have a night off where they are encouraged to compete in a scavenger hunt. I created a crew committed to winning first place. One of the objectives sent us on a car trip to Boston. On our way back, we needed to complete one more task to win the Scavenger Hunt. As we pulled into Walmart to complete the last task, my friend told us that he needed to get back to the camp immediately. He explained how he had forgotten that he had been late coming back to camp on his last day off and that he would be penalized if he didn't get back to camp one hour early this time. At first my friends and I were angry. After all, we had spent the past nine hours trying to win this competition, and now Eliot was preventing us from completing our final task. However, it soon became clear that Eliot was very upset by the situation - perhaps far more upset than we would be by losing the competition. In the end, we decided not to complete the competition and go back to the camp early so that Eliot would not be penalized. I believe we made the right decision, because sometimes helping another person is the right thing to do, despite the consequences.

I believe that everything you do should be for a reason. A higher goal. I have a goal in life, and everything I do is to work to it. I believe that if you give me the opportunity to work with all of you at Applied Geosolutions, I will be one step further to reaching my goal. I will pour my efforts into anything you have for me, as I am passionate for the things I do.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I hope that I will have a chance to talk with you soon.

Thank you,

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