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Nature Nurtures Farm  
2406 Delphi Rd SW  
Olympia, WA 98512

To Whom It May Concern,

I am enthusiastic to learn more about working as a Development Associate on Nature Nurtures Farm. Presently, I am a member of the Texas Episcopal Service Corps. I work now on a small team to support refugees with complex medical conditions. As my term comes to an end, I aim to begin a second year of service in Olympia. I intend to shift my focus: from migration to ecology, from medical care to mental health.

Looking at Nature Nurtures Farm's website, I felt called to answer questions from the internship application. I have written a few questions myself.

I have pastured sheep, kept stables for donkeys, and maintained chicken coops, but I have never worked with cattle or horses. *What animals are kept on the Farm?* Since a child, I have worked in various gardens—on hillsides, in raised beds, scrunched between roads and canals. *How is the garden organized? What is grown?* I am familiar with the climate and soil in Idaho (volcanic, drains through the Columbia) and Baden-Württemberg (chalky, drains through the Rhine). *What is the geology underneath Olympia? What is the soil gradient?*

I am a strong candidate for the Development Associate position because I have a year of experience with refugee medical case management in Houston and an enthusiasm to explore the connection between psychology and ecology. At the refugee resettlement agency, an employee is "strong," if they successfully advocate for their client. *What makes a "strong" staff member at Nature Nurtures Farm?*

I forward this information with hope to begin a correspondence.

Respectfully,

Colton Grainger

P.S. Outside of my professional interests, I am passionate about cycling, hiking, and computer science. I have ambition to pursue higher education in mathematics and, eventually, work towards environmental preservation.

P.P.S. *I am available via email, by phone after 3:00 P.M. PST, or by scheduled video-chat.*