Dear Hiring Manager,

I'd love to be considered for your Support Application Specialist position. I was immediately drawn to ParentSquare by the passion for improving student outcomes. In my past as a tutor and teaching assistant I have experienced nothing as delightful as seeing my students succeed after demonstrating commitment to success. Those positions have allowed me to see many styles of problem-solving and programming with which I have become proficient in troubleshooting and debugging technical problems. Directly impacting and improving students' lives through the communication of technical knowledge has become a passion of mine over the years due to these experiences.

Through my time in school and during my internship I accumulated years of hands-on Python programming experience both as a programming and scripting language. For example, I implemented machine learning algorithms from scratch and tooling for automating data labeling tasks for computer vision research in a graduate robotics lab. Outside of school I frequently used git to contribute bug fixing on an open source program I use called Neovim. As a hobby, I manage a personal server using SSH and SFTP to host personal projects and software for my friends and me. In my quest for continuous learning, I have been studying for the AWS Solutions Architect Certification and getting hands-on with common services like EC2, S3, RDS, EFS, and more.

Using these skills to enable kids to learn effectively and explore the things they are interested in by resolving issues related to the tools used by parents and schools to better engage with students is valuable and impactful. If I didn't have the support to focus on learning topics I loved I don't know where I would be today. If this particular opportunity is filled I would love to be considered for future positions as well so I have the chance to make a difference in the lives of our future. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to speak soon.

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