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To Whom It May Concern:

Ever since I started college, my need for a simple, delicious meal has greatly increased. Time and time again I’ve found myself turning to Hamburger Helper, and General Mills, to get me through. As a computer science major at Luther College, my skills are uniquely suited for the Software Developer position you are offering. General Mills provides more than just food; it creates memories for a multitude of families, and I am excited to contribute to its success.

The qualifications listed in the job description closely match the experiences and skills I can contribute:

* *Programming Ability -* Throughout my career I have programmed in a variety of different object-oriented programming languages. Both academic and professional experiences have given me a chance to utilize these languages in many different environments and in a variety of projects, including mobile platforms such as iOS and Android.
* *Leadership Experience -* At Luther I was elected to lead a group of seniors working on a yearlong final project to create a custom content management system for a local construction manager. Through this particular opportunity, I have gained experience working with developers that have very different skill sets as well coordinating their work to meet our objectives.
* *Problem Solving -* While working on the Luther Rideshare website I was faced with solving the problem of integrating Facebook with the login process that was already in place. Situations like these gave me opportunities to view issues from a variety of angles and honed my problem resolution skills.
* *Internship Experience -* While interning at Epic I collaborated with other developers to incorporate telephony functionality into the expansive Epic software. Not only was I given the opportunity to plan and develop this project my own way, but I also learned to treat my project as a piece of a greater entity.

My experiences have given me the ability to work in a wide variety of situations with a variety of different people. I am a passionate individual and put myself into whatever work I set myself to. I firmly believe I could do great work with General Mills and I look forward to having a conversation with you about the Software Developer position.

Sincerely,

Nathan Haines