

# **Boss-Hunting Cover Letter Samples**

## The cover letter (or introduction of any kind) has three goals:

- 1. Explain why you've contacted the employer.
- 2. Provide insight on who you are and what you offer.
- 3. Show enthusiasm and interest in hearing (back) from the employer.

In this example, unlike a more general reach-in to human resources, you are targeting your best guess at a boss, the boss, or some authority figure likely maintaining oversight regarding a particular position you've found.

Alternatively, you could simply have found a fantastic person (by whatever searching means) and want to contact him or her regarding the possibility of working directly with him, her, them, or their company.

The overarching point is you are contacting someone as an alternate route to acquiring employment with his or her company. (This is a great supplement to the <u>Four Sentence Cover Letter</u> I've previously published.)

### Boss-Hunting Cover Letter Sample if you know there exists a position

Dear Name [be specific—this only works if you have his or her name],

I'm contacting you because I admire your accomplishments and wanted to see whether there is an opportunity to work directly for you as [insert specific or generic job title here].

I was performing my job search and came across this position with your company. As I dug further, I noticed you were likely managing this role. I was impressed with your [you need to insert some specifics regarding the "boss's" background here]. I feel your guidance in these areas of my growth would be extremely helpful. It's a large part regarding why I'm applying for the position.



I offer [insert number of years] years of experience [insert your specialty here] and excellent [insert related skills that will help you perform the job here] skills, which should make me a strong candidate for this opening. I've included my resume in the email and it highlights my career profile and significant accomplishments that are also in alignment with your position.

I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you if you feel I'd be a strong candidate for this or other positions within your organization. Thank you so much for considering me.

Thank you, Your Name

### Boss-Hunting Cover Letter Sample if you don't know whether an open position exists

Dear Name [be specific—this only works if you have his or her name],

I'm contacting you because I admire your accomplishments and wanted to see whether there is an opportunity to work directly for you.

I was performing my job search and evaluating companies I want to work for. I didn't notice a specific opening [on your team or within your organization; whatever is appropriate here], but came across you as I was digging.

I was impressed with your [you need to insert some specifics regarding the "boss's" background here]. I feel your guidance in these areas of my growth would be extremely helpful, which is the reason I'm contacting you specifically.

I offer [insert number of years] years of experience [insert your specialty here] and excellent [insert related skills that will help you perform the job here] skills, which should make me a great addition to your team and company. I've included my resume in the email. It highlights my career profile and significant accomplishments that are also in alignment with supporting your [products or services].



I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you if you feel there's an opportunity for me to join your team. If there isn't, I'd be open to networking with you and learning from you if you're interested in helping me. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Thank you, Your Name



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In 2016, Andrew created the milewalk Academy, his training and coaching site to support people in their careers and organizations in their hiring efforts. Individuals will find incredibly valuable free and paid training and coaching related to every imaginable aspect of supporting their careers.



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