

1. All my life, I wanted a motorcycle. I knew I couldn't justify such a purchase if I had kids on the way. I purchased my first motorcycle last March. Two weeks later, my wife found out she was pregnant.
2. At 18, I watched my dad be involuntarily committed to a psychiatric institution. This incident—an indirect result of his earlier mini-strokes—is a significant contributor to my motivation to help ease the burden of those affected by neurological conditions.
3. Every Sunday, I make a loaf of sourdough bread to bring to my grandparent's home for dinner.
4. After high school, I served a 2-year full-time ecclesiastical mission in North Carolina, including Elon/Gibsonville, Winston-Salem, and Charlotte.
5. As a leader of 18 other missionaries, one of the most difficult challenges I faced was motivating other missionaries to work diligently. Proselytizing for 76 hours per week is *not* the most fun activity.
6. On my mission, one of my companions (or 24/7 working partner) and I couldn't stand each other at first. We worked together to overcome our differences and are now best friends. We even ride motorcycles together regularly.
7. I'm a bargain hunter. When my wife and I furnished our first apartment, I snagged a brand-new couch for 90% off because it had a broken recliner. I spent a weekend diagnosing and fixing the problem, and now the couch works just fine!
8. I'm on an on-call rotation at work. Sometimes, I'll need to get up in the middle of the night to resolve a software problem. I have a great appreciation for all on-call workers worldwide.
9. I've almost finished reading the Dune series. I started the series after watching the first movie a few years ago. I'm nearly free!
10. In my church congregation, I help plan and execute group activities for the entire congregation.
11. In Tucson, I was a church youth group leader for boys ages 13-15. One of my favorite activities I helped coordinate was making portable camping stoves.
12. I'm a big-time skier and have visited almost every ski resort in Utah. To me, skiing blends serenity and excitement perfectly.
13. Last March, I severely strained my back while bench pressing 300 lbs, and I have attended physical therapy for the last several months. I learned my lesson and no longer "ego lift".
14. Last year, my wife and I got a golden doodle puppy. I learned to be my own professional groomer to save on grooming costs.
15. As a research assistant at BYU, I programmed a robot to play a block dilemma game with a human opponent.
16. As a research intern at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, I got to do a lot of nerdy work in high-performance computing. During my internship, I wrote and published a research paper. This experience taught me to communicate complex topics and accept scrutiny with maturity.
17. Growing up, I played the French horn in several community symphonies.
18. During my free time in high school, I earned a trade degree in "Composite Materials Technology" (think fiberglass, carbon-fiber, Kevlar).
19. This summer, I helped onboard a couple of engineers to my project and mentored an intern for a summer project.

20. I've worked primarily on one major project at Dexcom. I helped take that project from concept to value-driving production service, gaining much experience in the entire software product development lifecycle.
 21. While I led my development team, I became overwhelmed trying to fulfill too many responsibilities. In my search to learn how to manage everything, I realized it's better to meet a few responsibilities well than to meet many responsibilities poorly.
 22. One time, I worked 20 hours straight to successfully unblock my team from a critical piece of software that only one developer could write. Would I do that again? No. That was dumb. However, I learned I had the tenacity to push through challenging obstacles and developed healthier work boundaries afterward.
 23. My team had an issue where developers often stepped on each other's toes. I reduced team friction by giving each engineer a designated "code space" to work in.
 24. Last year, my cousin came out as transgender. This event sparked in me the desire to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges LGBTQ+ individuals face. Consequently, I joined Dexcom's PRIDE employee resource group. In doing so, I'm taking meaningful steps to become a leader who fosters inclusive communities.
 25. As a kid, I started a small business making and selling doughnuts. I even led a doughnut-making demo in my city's courthouse and was featured in the [local newspaper](#).
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Boba would like to thank you for taking the time to review my application!

