Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my interest in the {{position}} at {{company}}. With 4 years of experience in software development and problem-solving, I am confident I can make a meaningful contribution to your team. My background in math and aerospace engineering, combined with hands-on technical experience, has equipped me to tackle complex challenges and help drive your organization’s goals forward.

In 2022, I took a brief pause from my corporate career to pursue adventures while I’m still young and capable. Traveling across the country to camp and hike in national parks, often with little more than 24 hours of planning, honed my self-reliance and ability to make independent decisions in uncertain situations. More recently, I worked as a wildland firefighter in California, further proving my ability to adapt to fast-paced, high-pressure environments and collaborate effectively while maintaining strong communication.

Alongside these experiences, I continued developing my technical skills. I worked as a freelance software engineer, helping clients translate broad concepts into fully realized deliverables. I also built a C++ chess engine entirely from scratch and founded HighlightTools, a startup in its early stages.

Now, I am eager to return to a more traditional tech role and leverage my unique blend of technical expertise and problem-solving skills. I am confident my skills can help {{company}} achieve its objectives, and I would love the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to your team.

Thank you for considering my application!

Sincerely,  
Hunter Ducharme