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Dear Hiring Manager:

I am applying for the Software Developer 2025 Summer Internship position. As an art enthusiast, I have a deep passion for design, particularly web design. Combined with my experience in understanding and addressing people's needs, I believe I bring a well-rounded perspective to web design that goes beyond my technical skills.

I am currently pursuing a B.S. in Information Systems with a Systems track at Towson University, and I anticipate graduating in Fall 2025. As an Information systems student, I have gained a solid fundamental understanding of software engineering, networking, database and business management. Outside of the classroom I have learned various UI design skills, from using Figma, to create webpage storyboards and mockups to using HTML, CSS and JavaScript to create my first webpage. Additionally, I gained hands-on experience with the development process by collaborating with my team to design and develop a web game for our software engineering class this previous semester. This semester I am gaining valuable development experience through various projects, including my second portfolio, a reading application, and a pet social media app I'm most excited about.

As a retail worker, I have regularly interacted with customers by identifying and addressing their needs, which has given me valuable insights into user behavior and expectations. With over five years of customer experience, I've learned what everyday people find easy to understand and what they struggle with. Technology is meant to be used by everyone, and this understanding is important for creating effective designs.

I have had multiple opportunities to work in group settings, both as a team member and a leader. Through various leadership and non-leadership roles, I have become well-versed in collaboration and teamwork. From organizing successful events such as fundraisers, philanthropic activities, and public events within my sorority organization, to holding positions like Historian, Design, Secretary, and currently Vice President External, I have gained valuable experience. One of my favorite positions was Historian, where I managed our webpage and socials, and had the opportunity to experiment with the designs.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my skills to your team and learn under your mentorship in the tech industry. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to join your team.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Luis-Valle