

Justin Johnson Cover Letter

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Personal Statement

Regardless of where I have found myself in life, my main objectives across my professional, personal, and familial relationships has always been to make sure that everyone is happy, respected, and served in way that is best for the collective to thrive. My name is Justin Johnson, and I am a community organizer and student in Baltimore Maryland who dreams of building a world that has never existed. No matter what the situation has been, I have always felt compelled to understand people and how changes in our environment change the way that we can relate to one another. Even from an early age I was able to recognize that the world we live in is constantly changing, and if I wanted to be able to provide for my family and achieve my goals I would need to develop a diverse and adaptable skillset that allows me to effectively build relationships with people from a wide variety of different industries and fields. My desire is to be able to play a role in facilitating the change that has been integral to the development of this country, and to transform the social, political, and economic landscape in a way that best serves the communities who need it most.

I have spent the past 18 years of my life (6 as a college student) gaining skills and experiences that have prepared me for a role in building and managing organizations that can fulfill the needs that any business or community has for safety, resources, and political representation. As a college student, I worked to obtain a master's degree in Economic Policy while also obtaining undergraduate degrees in Finance, Economics, and Sociology. I have conducted multiple empirical studies on various policy issues regarding zoning regulation, business development, and wealth inequality; having received several certifications in a variety of statistical software and programming applications in the process. My academic goal is to use these skills and experiences to deepen my understanding of our political, economic, and technological ecosystems in order to master my skills for navigating public administration, performing data analysis, and managing organizations.

In my professional work as a campaign organizer, I use my unique capabilities to leverage technological, financial, and social influences in order to better improve the conditions of under-served and marginalized communities across our country. As the co-founder of a 501-C3 organization, I have traveled across the United States base-building with an international network of leaders, scholars, policymakers, and other professionals to coordinate and execute multiple political and electoral campaigns designed to build local political power and shape legislation that combats social inequality. Working together, our organizations have been able to leverage millions of personal and political relationships that have allowed us to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars towards sponsoring legislation, coordinate various

campaigns, provide mutual aid, and help sustain and train other organizations who are committed to doing similar work. Not only has this work allowed me to express my passion for creativity and community, but it has also prepared me for navigating the complex power dynamics inherent in any public or private organization I choose to align myself with.

My goal is to use my passion for communication, base building, economics, and policy analysis to better serve my community and leave a positive impact on those I work alongside. As a student, organizer, friend, and son, I strive to navigate all career paths that come before me with rigor, precision, and professionalism. I hope the information I have provided accurately reflects both the content of my character and the benefits I can bring to you and your team. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Justin Johnson