Dear LaunchCode Hiring Team,

I'm applying for the Software Engineer role on your Technology Team. I've spent most of my life in creative work like acting, filmmaking, and running a film festival. I enjoy building things from scratch and solving problems under pressure. Now I'm shifting those same instincts into software development. I'm finishing the LaunchCode program, and I'm looking for a role where the work has purpose. I believe in what LaunchCode does and I want to be part of it.

As part of my training, I built a React app where users could pretend to be super villains and hire fictional henchpeople. The idea was funny but the work was real. I handled the interface, managed state, added form validation, and made sure the whole thing responded smoothly. I've worked with JavaScript, Java, CSS, Spring Boot, MySQL, and React. I've practiced test driven development and I'm learning cloud services now. I don't know Ruby on Rails yet, but I've taught myself plenty before and I'm not slowing down.

Before I started coding, I ran an international film festival (and still do) which has made me a self-starter. I built the brand, the infrastructure, the scoring system, and the events themselves. I've also worked in hospitals where the pressure is constant and the stakes are high. Whether I'm building a tool or helping a patient, I stay focused and I do the work. That's what I bring to every team.

I care about entertainment, art, and community. I want to create things that help people, whether that means giving them a break from the world or giving them the tools to move forward. LaunchCode opened that door for me, and I would be proud to help keep it open for others.

Thank you for your time. I'd be happy to talk more and show you what I can do.

"Don't take yourself seriously. Take what you do seriously."

Sincerely,
Kevin Edwards

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SUMMARY

Filmmaker, festival director, and creative problem solver with a long history in entertainment. I have spent the last two decades building stories, branding, and experiences that stick. Right now, I am in training to become a software developer, focusing on tools that help artists, filmmakers, and storytellers succeed. I know how to lead. I know how to build from scratch. And I am learning to code with purpose.

LANGUAGES | FRAMEWORKS | TOOLS

JavaScript, Java, CSS | React, Jest | Adobe Creative Suite, Event & Production Logistics

EXPERIENCE

HNCH / Henchpeople Hiring App — LaunchCode Capstone Project
- Designed an interface for sorting and filtering goons by loyalty, skill, and price
- Created form validation for custom goon submissions with real-time feedback
- Styled components with CSS for a bold cartoon look that fits the villain theme
- Used React state to track hiring status and display alerts when actions succeed or fail
- Built as part of LaunchCode's front-end training to demonstrate Adobe Photoshop; React and JavaScript logic

Festival Director — Always Late TV Movie Awards
November 2022 - NOW
- Founded and operate an international film festival from scratch
- Designed all marketing, sponsor decks, and brand visuals
- Built scoring systems, ran filmmaker outreach, and managed live events
- Programmed 412 films from 36 countries across multiple genres

Breast Cancer Surgery Scheduler — Breast Care Consultants / Missouri Baptist Medical Center
August 2024 - April 2025
- Coordinated daily surgical scheduling and pre-op logistics
- Communicated with hospitals, doctors, and hundreds of patients
- Created tools and guides to streamline operations
- Recognized for reliability and calm under pressure

ENT PSR — ENT Specialists / Missouri Baptist Medical Center
September 2023 - August 2024
- Scheduled and coordinated daily appointments for a team of 7 physicians
- Served as the main point of contact between hospitals, doctors, and hundreds of patients
- Developed custom tools and reference materials to improve office efficiency
- Known for staying composed in high-pressure situations and earning trust from staff and patients

ER Concierge — OSF St. Anthony's
February 2016 - March 2022
- Guided patients through critical care needs and helped them access proper treatment quickly
- Acted as a liaison between patients, doctors, nurses, and hospital staff during emergencies
- Built tools and workflow guides that supported smoother day-to-day operations

- Earned a strong reputation for reliability, adaptability, and professionalism under pressure

EDUCATION

LaunchCode, Software Development, Summer 2025

Missouri Baptist University, Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice