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Google
345 Spear St
San Francisco, CA, USA

Dear Google:

This letter is an embodiment of my formal application to the position of Software Engineer at Google located in San Francisco. I am a Senior in Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign who will be graduating and looking to be in full-time employment starting May 2017. During my stay at this University, I have excelled both academically and otherwise – with numbers to show it. I am passionate about research in algorithms and artificial intelligence, both of which are areas of innovation at Google. I believe strongly that Google has fostered the best home for intellectual contribution in our current times, and that is why I am applying to this position.

Transferring to UIUC Sophomore year from community college presented a great challenge, as I had very little time to adjust before the advanced courses began. Fortunately, I excelled at all my courses and have ended up with a not-too-shabby GPA. This gave me time to explore the other opportunities UIUC offers for the CS students, which were in the form of countless invaluable talks and activities run by professors and successful engineers. Outside of that, I was able to gain leadership experience in several full-day conferences and during extracurricular social activities.

In addition to learning at UIUC, I was a Data Science Intern at FMC Technologies last summer. Having worked on teams in academia, I had thought I knew how to collaborate functionally. The experience I had this summer first shattered that thought, then slowly rebuilt it. I learned to do standups, meet deadlines, communicate with different company sectors and to think collaboratively. This job experience completed my exploration and familiarity with the fundamentals of engineering, and afterward I felt much more capable.

Please consider this letter as my humble offer of service. I am excited to move to a full-time Software Engineering position and I sincerely believe I will be of more value to Google than any other company, along with knowing that the resources there will allow me to satisfy my curiosities further than I could anywhere else.

Sincerely,

Nate White