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Dear Hiring Manager,

I'm excited to be applying for the **Position** position at **Company**! Your company seems like a perfect fit with my work style: impact-driven, valuing quality over quantity, and intent on building a positive atmosphere. I am an energetic character, and I know I'll work great in your smaller development community because of my experience in small teams, and **N** years as a **Relevant Role**.

At my previous job at **Company 2**, I worked on our TypeScript and React Native frontend, and our C++ and Rust backend throughout the term. I gained strong experience with networked systems when I led an 8 week project to overhaul our current sensor networking systems so that we could support many more sensors at once. I also shored up our authentication system, which used cURL, to prevent injection attacks. My self-improvement attitude helped very much, and at the end of the term my supervisor wrote that I was a "huge asset," "great collaborator," and "extremely efficient at [my] job."

With **Company 3**, I learned to be an independent end-to-end developer. I spearheaded two new subservices, and took them to completion myself. When describing my value to the team, my supervisor wrote: "Josiah is one of the most rational and high energy people I have had the privilege of engaging with."

On the technical side, I have extensive client-side development experience. For **M** years I've been building cross-browser games and websites in JavaScript, HTML, and CSS, so I know ES5 and ES6 very well, and I've also become a first-rate interface designer. Given this, I have been variously exposed to many technologies like PHP, AWS, SQLite, Django, Apache Spark through Ubuntu, and TCP. I'm detail-oriented to a fault, but I've learned, by actively adapting to feedback, how to turn this tendency into an advantage. I'm a diligent learner, too. If I don't have specific experience with something on the job, I'll start up my own projects to learn. I made a **chess engine** with TypeScript, ReactJS, and Firebase in parallel with work so that I would be skilled in the tools I needed. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to learn more tech with you.

Thank you very much for considering my application. To conclude, I want to mention that the best indicator of workplace performance is past performance. At both my co-ops I have earned the highest performance rating, and I was nominated for UWaterloo Co-op Student of the Year.

Sincerely,
Josiah Plett