Dear Hiring Manager,

I'm applying to American Express because I'm drawn to teams that build software people rely on every day. The idea of working on systems that support customers at scale, while being part of a company that genuinely invests in its people, really resonates with me.

I'm a Computer Science graduate from the University of Minnesota (December 2025) with experience building and testing backend systems through internships and personal projects. I've worked with Java, REST APIs, and databases, and I enjoy digging into problems, fixing bugs, and understanding how different parts of a system work together. I've learned that writing good software isn't just about getting something to work, but making it reliable, readable, and easy for others to maintain.

I'm eager to continue growing as a backend engineer, especially in areas like distributed systems and large-scale services. I value collaboration, learning from more experienced engineers, and being thoughtful about the impact of the code I write. I would be excited to bring that mindset to Team Amex and contribute to work that truly matters.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'd welcome the opportunity to talk more about how I could contribute to your team.

best,
Zakaria Mohamed