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Welcome to Your Professional Cover Letter Template

Congratulations on taking the first step toward crafting a powerful and professional cover letter! A cover letter is not just an attachment to your resume –it is your personal introduction to potential employers and your opportunity to make a memorable first impression. Here's why a well-written cover letter is essential and how it serves its purpose in your job search.

Why is a Cover Letter Important?

A cover letter is your chance to go beyond the resume and tell your unique story. While your resume outlines your experience and skills, a cover letter gives you the space to:

Personalize your application – Show the employer why you're a great fit for the specific role and the company.

Highlight key experiences – Draw attention to particular experiences or accomplishments that align closely with the job description.

Demonstrate your enthusiasm – Communicate your passion for the position and the organization, setting yourself apart from other applicants.

Showcase your communication skills – A well-written cover letter demonstrates your ability to convey ideas clearly and professionally, which is a vital skill in almost any role.

The Purpose of a Cover Letter

A cover letter serves several key purposes in your application process:

Introduce Yourself – It provides the employer with a brief overview of who you are and what you bring to the table.

Connect Your Experience to the Role – You can explain how your background, achievements, and qualifications directly apply to the position you are pursuing.

Address Any Concerns – It offers an opportunity to address gaps in your employment, a career change, or other questions the employer might have after reviewing your resume.

Request an Interview – The goal of your cover letter is to prompt the employer to move you forward in the hiring process, ideally inviting you for an interview.

Your cover letter is the bridge between your resume and the job you want. It provides context, enthusiasm, and a personal touch that can make all the difference in setting yourself apart from the competition.

Now, let's get started on writing a compelling cover letter that makes a lasting impact!

NAME

Address City, State Zip Code | Phone Number | Email

Date

Employer or Recruiter Name

Company Name

Street Address

City, State Zip Code

Dear Mr./Ms./Dr. Last Name:

Opening Paragraph

State the position you are applying for, how you found out about it, and ask for consideration based on your skills and experiences you have to offer. If you were referred by someone (i.e.: someone you know at the company, a recruiter you met at a career fair, etc.) state that here. Make a general statement summarizing what qualifies you most for the job.

2nd Paragraph

In this section, you want to build a direct connection between the company's needs and your background and skills. Stress what you have to offer, avoid talking about what you want from them. Identify those parts of your experience that will interest THIS employer (refer to the job description if possible). You can draw attention to relevant course work, special projects and campus activities if they show direct relationship to this position. Do not restate what's in your resume, rather expand upon a specific project or accomplishment.

3rd Paragraph – Optional

Convince the employer that you have the personal qualities, passion, and motivation to succeed at this specific company. Relate your interests/passion to what you know about the company. (Convince the employer that you not only have the skills to do well at the job, but a vested interest in the company, the industry, and the work itself.)

Closing Paragraph

Restate your interest in this position and how your unique qualifications fit the position. Request an interview or tell the reader that you will contact him/her soon to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet. Thank the reader for his/her time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

Type Your Name