The Cover Letter

PERSONALIZE YOUR LETTER
Tailor each letter to the position: use words from the job description
Highlight your background that is relevant to the position of interest

Studies indicate the cover letter has a life expectancy of only 8 seconds, make it count!

DO YOUR RESEARCH
Research the company and understand the organization’s mission & values
Draw a parallel between the organization and your skills

Be personable, enthusiastic and highlight your abilities!

SELL YOURSELF
DO NOT simply repeat what is on your resume
Emphasize special achievements & specific skills

Your cover letter is the first impression you offer, INSPIRE employers to read your resume!

DON’T FORGET!
PROOFREAD! No spelling, typographical, or grammatical errors
Print on high quality paper: CAREER SERVICES PROVIDES FREE PAPER!

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Date of Letter

Employer’s Name & Title
Company Name
Company Street Address
City, State, Zip

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

Posting #: ___________

I am submitting this cover letter in the hopes of joining your team as a State Senate Intern for the coming semester. I found the position posted on College Central Network. I am confident that my education and relevant experience will be an asset to the team.

I am interested in an internship with your campaign because I want to learn more about progressive politics, communication and policy. I personally admire the work you have completed in Western New York and I am intrigued by the opportunity to be part of your movement. I find that my personal views and skill set align with what you are looking for in an intern and I am excited to contribute in this role.

In my most recent internship, I worked with the Curator’s Office at the United States Courthouse where I gained insight on courthouse operations and assisted the staff with various tasks. This position helped me to develop strong writing and organizational skills in addition to refining my legal research skills. In the prospective internship, I would utilize what I have learned in the classroom and in my previous internship to be an asset to your campaign.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet and discuss this position further. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 716.839.8334 or yname@daemen.edu. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Will Succeed

Opening Paragraph:
• Refer to the available position
• Mention how you heard of the opening
• Add tag line to grab reader’s attention

Middle Paragraph:
• Explain your interests in the organization
• Stress related education, experience, skills
• Avoid repeating content your resume

Closing Paragraph:
• Express interest in further communication
• Thank reader for their consideration
• Provide contact information